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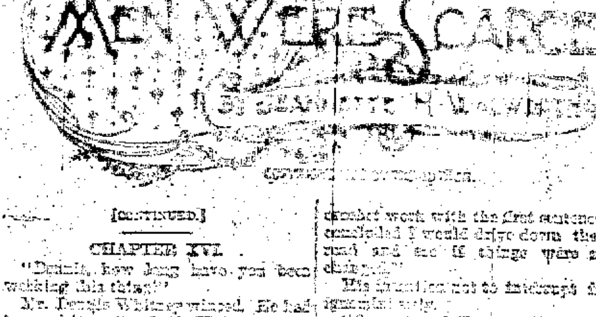

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CHAPTER XVI.

"Dennis, how long have you been working this thing?"

Mr. Dennis Whitney winced. He had been reading one of Sir Walter Scott's novels, a volume taken from the book shelves which Marianne had suggested [illegible]

Betty, with her [illegible] her [illegible] sort of slang, came as a disagreeable interruption.

She had been out driving. She drove every day. She declared her intention of driving into the inner circles of Applegate society behind that team. She had been gone longer than usual today, getting home just in time for their late dinner. She asked that question of her brother with a teasing laugh while she was drawing off her gloves. Whitney looked at her through sullenly narrowed lids.

"What thing have you reference to, Betty?"

"This wholesale plan of yours for getting even with everybody and wiping out all the old aristocrats who affronted you in the happy days of yore."

"Why do you ask?"

"Well, I have asked, so answer."

"Years upon years. Sometimes it seems as if my whole life has been one long thirst for revenge."

"And you are pretty dry yet."

She laughed and tapped him sharply on the shoulder with her folded gloves.

"Oh, you diplomat, you strategist, you infant in the arms! Dennis, my lad, you should have sent for Betty Grosvenor years ago. She would have steered you straight into the haven of revenge in half the time you have been skirting all around it."

"The war interrupted all my plans. I had to wait until that boy was old enough to make a legal transfer. The rest has been taken out of my hands by destiny."

"Did destiny take your legally married wife out of your keeping, or was it old Madam Bascom? Did destiny rob you of the child that might have been softening your heart all these years, or was it old Madame Bascom?"

"For God's sake, Betty, what do you mean?"

"You coward! You miserable coward! I am ashamed to own the blood I must share with you."

All the laughter was gone out of her face now. She was looking at her brother with withering scorn. Then she added:

"I don't care to have any of your superb lackeys dropping in on what I have to say, so it can wait until after dinner."

Whitney got up mechanically to lead the way to the dining room. What could she have heard since leaving the house that morning and from whom could she have learned things which he thought known only to himself and the dead? He laid a detaining hand on her shoulder.

"I should like to ask you one question, Betty," he said.

"You needn't. If I can be kept out of your confidence half a lifetime, you can wait for mine during one dinner."

He thought he had never known her show such deliberation in disposing of her food.

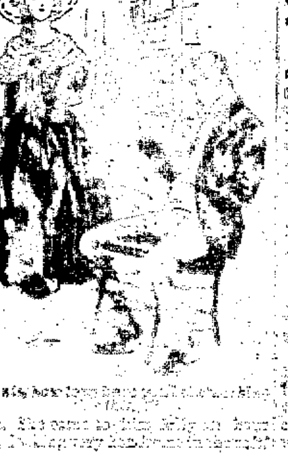
She read his anxiety in his darkening eyes and laughed with pattered malice.

"Now that we are ladies and gentlemen of elegant leisure, Dennis, we do not gulp our food as if we were listening for the plantation bell to start us back to work."

"Betty, I sometimes think you are possessed of a devil."

"The family allowance ought to be half a dozen. You may well spare me one."

He pushed his chair away from the table and left her to drink her coffee alone. She came to him fully an hour later. [illegible] trailing [illegible] gown [illegible] she had exchanged her carriage dress for.



"Dennis, how long have you been [illegible]"

"I have had rather an eventful day," she said, throwing herself into a chair opposite him, "and if I had any one else to talk to I should enjoy making you suffer awhile longer."

"I don't see what has stirred you to wrath against me."

"Then I will have to enlighten you. Today in the most accidental manner I have heard things about you that I ought to have known when I was a girl. I never would have left you out in the cold that way, Dennis."

"You mean about my marriage?"

"I do."

"The secret was not mine alone."

"You played the very mischief being there be any secret at all. But let me tell you about my day."

"As you please. I should like, though, to ask that you come to the point as directly as possible."

"I will, but I don't think you [illegible]"

Whitney closed his eyes and [illegible]

"When I started out for my drive this morning," she said, pulling at her crochet work with the first sentence, "I concluded I would drive down the old road and see if things were much changed."

His intention not to interrupt failed ignominiously.

"Good lord! I generally go by it when I [illegible] the road at full speed [illegible]"

[illegible]

"[illegible], and for heaven's sake don't [illegible]."

"That will depend largely upon the number of interruptions I have," Mrs. Grosvenor answered composedly.

Whitney began to smoke resolutely.

"I had about got tired of riding past old Mrs. Clarke's chicken house and little Patti's wretched store, so I was seeking fresh fields and pastures green. I asked Lord Chesterfield if he knew what was called the 'lower river road,' and, finding that he did not, I had to direct him without letting him suspect that I had many and many a time traveled that same road with a basket of eggs on the horn of my saddle, going trading in Cloverdell."

"Insufferable!"

Betty laughed. "It is a great mistake to call women the squeamish sex. Going back hurts you a great deal worse than it does me."

"Go on, please."

"It really is a beautiful drive, and such a day and such a team would have been sufficient unto any woman. I was driving along, not thinking of eggs nor the overseer's old house in the quarter lot at Bascom's, just enjoying myself because I had on good clothes and my brother owned a nice turnout, when I came across a damsel in dire distress.

"A girl—a very pretty one, too, by the way—was sitting on a stump by the roadside, crying as if her heart would break. Of course I stopped to find out what the trouble was. I think she was a little dubious at first about confiding in me, as I was a stranger, but I coaxed her to tell me the entire trouble. She said she had started to go to Miss Bascom's to ask permission to have her wounded brother taken there, with her yardman as escort; that at some fork in the road about a mile from town three bluecoats from the gunboats in the river had stepped out and very politely informed her that they needed her horses; that her 'old man must go with them as far as the boats to prevent his informing on them, so that she must find her own way home.'

"It seems she didn't want to find her way home, but persisted in her desire to go on to her friend's."

"My dear Betty, what on earth has that girl crying by the roadside to do with what you have to tell me?"

"That girl is the key to the entire situation. I told her to jump right in and I would drive her wherever she wanted to go. She hesitated, and that made me angry. I snapped her up pretty short by asking her if she thought I was going to run away with her. Then she gave me a surprise.

"She blushed and said 'No.' She only hesitated because she thought maybe I did not know who she was. I told her that didn't have any bearing on the subject; that she was a woman, and a young one, and I could not possibly drive on and leave her there without a soul within call.

"She got into the carriage and put out her hand to thank me. She said she was frightened nearly out of her senses when she saw her old Toby riding away with those men and knew she must go on. 'I am Marianne Belknap,' she said, blushing like a rose, 'and you are Mr. Whitney's sister. Everybody in Cloverdell knows you by sight.'

"I couldn't go back on you, Dennis, so I said, 'Yes, I am Mr. Whitney's sister, and this is his turnout, but I hope you will make use of it as far as your friend's house.'

"She thanked me with considerable warmth, said she just must go on and began to cry again. I made out that she wanted to go to Miss Bascom's, and I ordered Chas"—

"Richards, if you please."

"Well, I don't please. I ordered your man to drive straight to Miss Bascom's gate, and there I put my distressed damsel down. I declare, Dennis, it was not an agreeable sensation to sit opposite that child and remember that you [illegible] driven her from her home. I hope I will never set eyes on her again."

"Is your story finished?"

"It isn't begun. I was determined as long as I was that near I would drive through the old quarter lot."

"Well?"

[illegible]

"I haven't the shadow of an idea."

"It was no one less than John the Baptist, my old pussy eyed friend that I told you about."

Whitney was instantly all attention.

"What! The old man has turned up again?"

Betty looked at him out of the corner of her eyes.

"So you begin to see some point in my story?"

"I do indeed. Where is he now?"

"I haven't the shadow of an idea."

"But I must know. Did you leave him there?"

"No. When I found out that he was [illegible]"

"Where did you drive him to?"

"I got him six miles on his way to Black county. It was as we drove along that I gave you away without, in the least, suspecting that he was talking to your own dear sister."

Mrs. Grosvenor flung herself back in her chair with outstretched hands.

"Dennis haven't you any imagination at all?"

"I don't know what you are driving at."

"I sometimes think you are not nearly so bright as I have been trained to think you. With Marianne Bascom dead you ought to come into your own peaceably."

"What do you call my own?"

"Your living wife, the Bascom place—which of course she inherits—and your daughter, the superb Miss Jessica Bascom!"

CHAPTER XVII.

Jessica, running lightly down the front steps, carrying a well filled wallet, which she meant to slip into the old evangelist's hands when he should pass the [illegible] to the public road, [illegible] Marianne standing [illegible] latch a nervous [illegible] She was [illegible] her position [illegible] not let Mr. Whitney [illegible] toward Cloverdell instead of dropping her at the Bascom gate.

Some words that had passed between her and Reginald as he had sat on the bench under the crape myrtle tree in the old Belhaven garden had come back to her most inopportunely.

She had charged him with being in love with Miss Bascom. He had admitted it and added, "while she entertains a natural and wholesale contempt for me."

And yet here she was in the hour of his helpless need about to fling him upon the tender mercies of that same uncompromising young woman. If only she had never let Miss Melanie frighten her into such precipitate action! Miss Melanie had told her that the Bascom place was the only safe place for Reggie.

Jessica stared at her visitor in surprise.

"Miss Belknap on foot and alone! Why, my dear girl, what does it mean?"

Jessica's voice, full of kindly concern, reached her in advance of Jessica herself. There was a cordial ring in it that gave the child fresh courage. She lifted the latch with a lightened heart and walked quickly to meet Jessica.

"Yes, on foot and alone, although, of course, I did not start that way. But never mind about me. I am all right. Oh, Miss Bascom, I've come on such a strange errand! I don't know what you will say to it."

"I say in advance that nothing is strange for these disjointed times."

The smile that accompanied these words, Marianne declared to herself, quite warranted Reggie's infatuation.

"It is lovely of you to put it that way. You know, Miss Melanie Potts says that while we are all in the same boat, pulling for the shore through such troubled waters, we ought not to be afraid of each other. I expect I am a terrible coward. I was casting about for some way to get back home without troubling you when you saw me."

She was consciously talking to gain time. Jessica looked at her very gravely.

"Miss Potts is quite right. I am sorry you have found me so repellent."

"Oh, no, please don't say that! I was only not quite sure, you know, whether we were in the same boat or not. I mean—I mean"—

"You mean, I suppose, my Union sentiments? That does not alter the fact that I have suffered a bitter and an irreparable loss for the cause."

There were tears in her beautiful eyes and a tremulous quiver in the corners of her firm mouth. Marianne impulsively lifted the hand she still held to her lips.

"Oh, I am such a bungler, such a stupid creature! Please forgive me."

"I have nothing to forgive, dear child. Of course I am to have the pleasure of your company to dinner. If you have not walked too far already, would you mind walking with me as far as that old sycamore tree you see standing where the roads fork? I am expecting an old man to pass, to whom I wish to deliver this," touching the bag on her arm. "He has been preaching in my quarters."

"I would love dearly to walk with you. I haven't walked at all. When those men told me they must have my horses and made Uncle Toby go with them, I just sat still and cried like a lost child. I didn't seem to have a bit of judgment left. And, then, to think of being picked up by Mr. Whitney's sister of all people in the world."

"Do you mean that very pronounced lady who is staying with the man who defrauded your brother? That was a strange trick of chance."

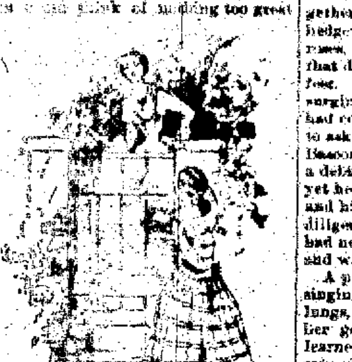
"Wasn't it? But there is an old proverb that says one must speak well of the bridge that carries us safely, and I did so want to get to you."

They were walking side by side along the shady road that led from the private grounds of the Bascom place out to the public road to Cloverdell.

"I am quite ready to speak well of the bridge that has brought you to me," she said, smiling down on Marianne from her superior height, "but all this time I am consumed with an unsatisfied curiosity about that strange errand."

"Oh, I have come to ask a very, very great favor at your hands."

"I think I would be safe in saying [illegible] of making too great [illegible] to grant. I have read every one of the letters written by the sharpshooters. Without them I should never have learned what your brother was to my father after they left here, although in the few letters that came back to me my dear father always spoke affectionately [illegible] Captain Belknap. I owe a very large debt of gratitude to your brother. I should be glad to pay it to [illegible] of his family."



She came plump upon Marianne.

"[illegible]"—

"[illegible] Reggie himself. That [illegible] presumptuous."

"[illegible] heard him say that you [illegible] a natural and wholesale contempt for him. Not that he blamed you. He just thought you were too good and exalted yourself to make any allowances for such a lapse."

Jessica walked on in profound silence until they had reached the sycamore tree at the forks of the road.

"Would you object to waiting here with me a little while? The old evangelist who has been laboring over my people is not very strong, and these things may stand him in good stead."

Marianne threw herself down on the mossy roots of the old tree.

"It is lovely here. I could spend hours here with you. I am always ready for the woods. Reggie says he is sure I was a dryad in a former stage of existence."

Jessica, too, had seated herself on the spreading roots. She looked away from Marianne with a thoughtfully contracted brow.

"I am afraid I have been very arrogant in my time. My introduction to Captain Belknap was not auspicious. But my dear father loved him. They loved each other. The men all write that he offered his life to save that of his friend. I [illegible] you suppose I am utterly devoid of common gratitude?"

"Oh, I am so glad I came! If that is the way you feel you will not object to letting him come here."

Jessica looked at her with wide stretched eyes.

"Come here? To my house, do you mean? Why, where is he?"

Then Marianne told her story, with many quotations from Miss Melanie as to the utter impracticability of Captain Belknap's being brought into Cloverdell while the Marine brigade was on hand.

"But—I—I"—

Jessica's hesitation threw her into despair.

"Oh, I knew it! I knew it! I said you never would consent to have him here."

Her tears began to flow freely. Jessica looked away from her with a frown puckering her smooth forehead. She was not given to hasty action or to making up her mind without any previous consideration.

"Don't cry, please, Miss Belknap. I want to think over this proposition."

"Well, you can think without calling me 'Miss Belknap.' I feel miles further away from you than I did five minutes ago."

"What a spoiled little one it is!" said Jessica, smiling away the threatening aspects of the situation.

"No, there is no one to spoil me since Reggie went away. But I must not let you think that I am entirely without any self control. I have been dreadfully upset today. Please don't set me down for a perfect simpleton."

"When are you looking for him?"

"At any moment—tomorrow, today, this hour. Nobody knows anything accurately. Maxwell, my younger brother, you know, has been gone nearly three weeks now. He went to bring Reggie home."

She would have liked to embody Lemuel Street's name in this statement, but something held her tongue.

"No, it is as you say, impossible to be sure of anything. I begin to fear I have missed my old evangelist. He expected to be well on his way by this time. I am sorry to have him wandering about the county, depending on the humor of people for a chance meal or a bed. Did you ever come in contact with a man or a woman, my dear, whose mere presence seemed to raise your estimate of human nature?"

"No." Marianne answered rather curtly. She resented this sudden encomium of her brother in favor of a wandering evangelist. "But, then, I have come in contact with very few people of any sort."

"The old man for whom I am watching is an unusual sort. If you and I had toiled all our lives for the betterment of mankind and found ourselves at the age of threescore and ten without a home, without kindred, without a single thing or creature we could call our very own, what sort of members of society do you suppose we would make?"

"I should be a perfect fiend. I don't want to live long enough to settle that question if those I love are to be taken from me."

"Yes, that is the way I felt too. My old man has given me a broader sense of what it means to be a member of society."

"I didn't think you cared much about society," said Marianne, beginning to wonder if Miss Bascom possibly had a frivolous side to her.

"In a narrow local sense, no. Perhaps I should have said that I had come to realize that we are all members of one great needy family and that I have no right to ignore its claims on me."

She got up from her mossy seat at the foot of the tree and peered anxiously down the road.

"It is too much to ask you to walk a little further with me, I am afraid, but I should so like not to miss the old man if he has not already gone by."

Not for a moment had she lost sight of Marianne's request. The matter was surging through her thoughts while she kept the old evangelist to the front as a topic. Should she or should she not open her doors to Reginald Belknap? She made no pretense of ignorance as to the state of his feelings when he had left with her father. By this time his fancy might have lightly turned to other faces in other quarters. Then it would be safe to have him thrown upon her for daily companionship. On the other hand, he might be one of the vainly constant sort. What then?

Marianne had risen with her, and together they sauntered slowly past the hedgerows, white with the Cherokee roses, and under the wild orange trees that dropped their green balls at their feet. A rising tide of resentment was surging up in her girlish heart. She had come at considerable personal peril to ask a great favor of this strange Miss Bascom, who had admitted that she owed a debt of gratitude to her brother, and yet here she was resolutely ignoring him and his embassador while she searched diligently for an old man whom she had never seen before a few days ago and was not likely ever to see again.

A plowman swinging along the road, singing a hymn at the top of his lusty lungs, put an end to Jessica's search for her gentle pilgrim. From him they learned that the old man had last been seen sitting in a fine carriage by the side of a fine lady.

"My friend, Mr. Whitney's sister, doubtless has given him a lift."

"I am glad," said Jessica. "The old man was more feeble than he would admit. They drove out by the lower road, I suppose."

Marianne stopped suddenly, with her hands pressed to her breast.

"Listen, don't you hear something like a human being in pain?"

Jessica, too, came to a startled standstill in the middle of the road.

"Off that way to the left. It sounds as if it might come from the very thickest of that clump of blackberry bushes," said Marianne in an affrighted whisper.

"There is a pond of water in that direction. Some one may have gone there for water who did not know its treacherous, slippery banks and got hurt. We must investigate."

As she talked Jessica hurried in the direction of the blackberry thicket. Marianne followed slowly and reluctantly.

"Might we not just as well call that man back, Miss Bascom?"

"He is singing so lustily he never would hear us, and we cannot spare the time to go after him. Every moment is precious."

With every step of their progress the sound of distress became more audible. Jessica pushed the clinging brambles aside with generous disregard for her own delicate flesh. Marianne pressed close after her. Immediately about the little pond the bushes grew thinner. It was made apparent that other hands than theirs had forced a passage through them. Immediately on the edge of the water their efforts were rewarded. Marianne's were the first eyes to discern the dark mass lying prone, with arms outstretched toward the water they could not reach.

"It is a man—a man in Confederate uniform. Oh, Miss Bascom!" Jessica was already kneeling by the figure on the water's brink.

A pair of burning eyes met hers as she kneeled down upon the damp ground. From a parched throat an imploring cry escaped.

"Water—water—quick!"

She unbuttoned her wallet with trembling fingers.

"We have something better than water for you here, my poor fellow. Here, Marianne, pour a few drops of this cordial down his throat while I hold up his head, and then I will give him some milk to drink."

Marianne obeyed her mechanically, although she felt the utmost physical repulsion to approaching any nearer to the sufferer.

Jessica held his head upon her knees. His long matted hair fell in unkempt masses over her arms. His eyes grew filmy even while they pressed the restoratives to his lips.

"Is he dead?" Marianne asked, recoiling with a shudder.

"No, he has only fainted from exhaustion. If we had not found him when we did, though, he soon would have been dead. Fold your cape up into a pillow. Quick! I have need of both my arms. Now, your hat full of water. Don't stop to think whether you are frightened or not, Marianne. A human life is depending on us."

Marianne flew to obey the orders that Jessica issued rapidly and [illegible]fusion. Under the reviving [illegible] the water they dashed into his face and the cordial they forced down his throat the man once more opened his eyes languidly. He gazed upward into the two pale, sweet faces bending above him and murmured brokenly: "He—shall—give—his—angels—charge—concerning—thee—and—they—will bear thee up—in their—hands. I did not want—to die—though before—before"—

Then the muttering ceased and the burning eyes closed again.

"Has he fainted again?" Marianne asked close behind Jessica.

"No. He is so terribly weak, though. I will give him some more milk in a minute or two."

The noonday sun poured its vertical rays through the branches of the trees, making a checkwork of dancing shadows about the tall, still figure on the grass. A beard of many months' growth fell from the man's emaciated chin over his tattered waistcoat. His cuffless wrists were burned to a dark red and helped to emphasize his emaciation by their prominent joints. Birds sang cheerily overhead in mockery of the solemn silence below.

Relieved of her worst fears, Marianne looked at the man more critically.

"How dreadfully shabby the poor fellow's clothes are. I wonder who he can be!"

"Some soldier trying to find his way home doubtless. I wish now I had let you call Vincent back."

"You mean the man we passed? I can get some one for you. Who do you want?"

"Any one will do to help remove this poor fellow to the house."

Marianne turned upon her with flashing eyes.

"You can think of every one, care for every one, but my poor Reginald!"

The man on the ground opened his eyes and glanced about him wildly.

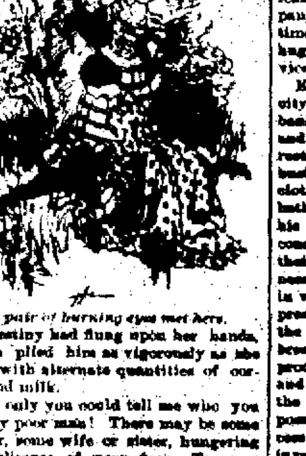
"Who called me? Here!" Then exhausted by the effort he fell back upon the ground.

"Poor fellow!" said Jessica in a voice of angelic pity. "He thinks he is answering to roll call."

"You don't think you will be afraid to stay here alone while I go to the quarters for help?" Marianne asked, anxious to atone for her passionate outburst.

"Afraid of this poor, feeble wreck, who has not life enough left in him to tell us who he is? Go, child, go at once and bring two or three men back with you. Make them fetch a cot, please."

Without waiting to be urged Marianne hurried away to do Jessica's bidding. They had not left the quarter lot out of sight, and by cutting across the fields she was soon within reach of help. Left by herself, with the poor wreck that destiny had flung upon her hands, Jessica plied him as vigorously as she dared with alternate quantities of cordial and milk.



A pair of burning eyes met hers.

"If only you could tell me who you are, my poor man! There may be some mother, some wife or sister, hungering for a glimpse of your face. Try now just to give me your name—your last name."

He had opened his eyes and lay staring up at her as if he were trying to grasp the meaning of her words. Suddenly his lids drooped, and she could see hot tears forcing their way through them. She wiped them away with her own handkerchief. He seized it and pressed it to his lips. A choking sound caused by his frantic efforts to speak intelligibly made Jessica bend her ears close to his lips.

"Just your name, only your last name, so that I may let your friends know."

He placed his hand upon his breast.

"You mean that I will find it there?"

His arms fell apart and his eyes closed. He had fainted again. Jessica had just succeeded in restoring him once more when the crashing of heavy feet through the brambles told her that Marianne was near at hand with the men and the cot.

"I think," she said when the men had put the cot in position, "that I will try to find out who he is. He is entirely too weak to talk yet. Oscar, search his breast for anything you can find. He motioned me to do so."

Oscar obeyed. His search resulted in the finding of a bulky package. He handed it to Jessica.

"Very well now. You lads lift him carefully and bring him to the house slowly. Miss Belknap and I will go on ahead and have a room got ready."

"Aren't you going to examine the package?" Marianne asked, as they got back into the open road.

Jessica was already untying the strings that bound it.

"We must find out who he is so as to send for his friends." Marianne, walking a few paces ahead of her, was [illegible] wondering when Reggie's business was to be attended to when a cry from Jessica made her turn quickly.

"Child, your question is answered. The decision is taken out of my hands."

"What decision? What question? I don't understand."

Jessica was holding the parcel out to her. "Look!"

And Marianne, obeying, looked upon a picture of Jessica Bascom incased in a frame of beautifully carved maple wood. Wrapped about it, as if to shield it from friction, was a white silk handkerchief marked "R. G. B."

"Do you know what those initials stand for?" Jessica asked in a husky voice.

Marianne looked at her with eyes suddenly grown hard.

"Yes, they might stand for 'Reginald Gore Belknap,' and the handkerchief looks like those Mommy laughed at me for putting in brother's knapsack, but do you suppose I would accept that poor, shabby wretch for my splendid brother on such flimsy evidence as that?"

She flung the photograph upon the ground in a paroxysm of pain and tore the handkerchief into bits.

Jessica stooped and restoring the picture slipped it into the wallet hanging upon her arm. The fragments of the handkerchief she left to flutter out of sight when some friendly breeze should take them in hand.

Coming close up to her, Marianne seized her arm passionately.

"Take it back, take it back. You know that unshaven creature is not Reggie, my splendid brother, of whom I was so proud."

The sternness of Jessica's face was tempered by pity.

"I have nothing to take back. My men are bringing your brother to my house. I am prouder of that poor shattered wreck than I ever thought to be of living man."

The sound of rapidly approaching feet pattering along the dusty road behind them made Jessica turn her head. Oscar was hurrying after her with some loose papers in his hand.

"These fell out of his pocket, miss, when we was liftin him up."

"Hand them to Miss Belknap. They are hers by rights."

"I waive all claim to them. Hand them to Miss Bascom."

Jessica took them from Oscar and ordered him to return to the cot. The examination of the papers took but a few moments. There were but two of them, each with but a few words written on them—one the surgeon's certificate and Reginald Belknap's honorable discharge from the army as unfit for further military duty. The other had been written by himself. It read:

"I am starting alone to try to reach my home. The result is doubtful. Should I be found dead, I ask the finder to bury the package in my bosom with [illegible] hand to Miss Belknap, Cloverdell, Miss."

Jessica quickened her steps to catch up with Marianne.

"My poor child, sulking will do no good. Look at these and be convinced. My heart aches for you."

The child took the papers from her hand, read them and turned a blanched face toward the procession following them at a little distance.

"And this is war!" she said in a choked voice.

"And this is war!" Jessica answered solemnly.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

TALL BUILDINGS.

The Skyscraper Considered as a Device For Saving Labor.

In the tall building it is emphatically "a condition, not a theory," that confronts us. The many storied office building is a necessary product of certain economic factors which have operated in spite of the architects, and more intensely in the United States than elsewhere. This is what has made it so peculiarly an American product. Of these economic factors the cost of land, so commonly alleged as the controlling one, has really been the least important. Land in parts of *Paris* and London is as costly as in New York and Chicago, but the 16 story office building has never come into vogue there, while, on the other hand, buildings of 10 or 12 stories are not uncommon in American cities of the second and third rank, where land is relatively cheap. The main source of the skyscraping monstrosity is to be sought in the drive and hurry of American business life, and in the accompanying American propensity to save time and labor. The skyscraper is a huge labor saving and time saving device.

Each building is almost a complete city, often comprising within its walls banks and insurance offices, postoffice and telegraph office, business exchanges, restaurants, clubrooms and shops. The business man can provide himself with clothes, shoes, cigars, stationery and baths; receive and dispatch his mail and his telegrams; speculate on 'change, consult his lawyer and his architect in their offices and transact his own business—all without leaving the building in which his office is located. The express elevator which shoots him up to the sixteenth story or drops him with breathless speed to the basement is a product of this same American haste and economy, and without the elevator the tall office building would be an impossibility. *It is the triumphant success of the skyscraper as a time saving invention* which has made it so conspicuous and insistent an element in our American architecture.—Engineering Magazine.

Prussian Streets.

The German emperor as king of Prussia has the sole right to name streets, and he has just refused his consent to the proposal to call two streets after the names of Dr. Bertram and Dr. Langerhaus, two popular members of the municipal council. His majesty disapproves of such a course during the lifetime of the godfathers. This apparently refers to men of official standing only, whose political opinions might change after the streets had been named, for the Mommsenstrasse in Charlottenburg was recently passed with approval. Some new German streets have a tendency to long names. "Prince August von Wurtembergstrasse" is today a name and nothing more. The houses have still to be built.

A south sea islander greets a friend by flinging a jar of water over his head. In Russia it is correct for gentlemen to press the forehands of ladies whom they know intimately with their lips, and in Germany and other continental nations kissing between men is by no means uncommon.

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HON. H. H. NORTH,
of McKean County.
(Subject to decision of Congressional conference)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

[illegible]—Please announce that I am a candidate for representative in Congress in the [illegible] District, subject to the [illegible] of the Republican party and to the decision of the [illegible] conference.

HERMAN H. NORTH.
Bradford, Pa., February 28, 1898.

THIS day and April 22 were set aside by the Governor as tree planting days.

THE Prohibition party of McKean county will hold their convention at Mt. Jewett at 10:30 a. m. April 26. Each precinct is entitled to two delegates.

JOSEPH LEITER the wheat magnate of Chicago was able to hold his own against Phil Armour and all the other grain gamblers, but when he let his [illegible] into the wheat deal she gave the snap away and he mourns his [illegible] to the tune of $750,000.

THE long looked for clash of arms between the United States and Spain has not materialized. The message that was to have been delivered last Monday, then Tuesday and then for a certainty on Wednesday has not been sent to Congress, but is held back by the President in the hopes that Spain might come to her senses and grant Cuba her just rights, which she will undoubtedly do very shortly, and thus avoid the terrible carnage. No President ever passed through more [illegible] trials than Mr. McKinley is experiencing at the present time. With a lot of hot-headed Senators and Representatives, backed by a tumultuous mob who are anxious to see nation arrayed against nation in the terrors and suffering that war brings, against him, he stands firmly at his post striving to do right. May his noble courage hold out to the end and in years to come all [illegible] will bless the name of McKinley.

IN last week's issue of the [illegible] down-town sheet we were taken to task in the following language: "If an employe of this office was sent out [illegible] on a business mission, the inquisitive "Kernel" was always on hand [illegible] to ply him with questions [illegible] he had been and what he [illegible] been [illegible] for." Now, this mighty down-town editor makes this [illegible] on the word of one whom he [illegible] heard, any number of times, [illegible] could not be believed under [illegible]. We leave outsiders to form their own opinion of this critic. He claims [illegible] his actions belie his [illegible], for if such were the case he would not be selling it under his [illegible] the august moral. There has [illegible] been an issue of his sheet in [illegible] 18 months that he has not [illegible] the vials of his wrath upon [illegible] management of this paper. We [illegible] the pardon of our many readers [illegible] taking up space to notice him at [illegible]. It will not occur again. He can [illegible] this course of Journalism if he [illegible]. It does not suit the MINER.

[illegible] weeks ago the MINER stated [illegible] had hoisted the [illegible] State ticket to the head [illegible] columns in 1897 after being [illegible] by a leading Democrat for [illegible] of duty. In last week's [illegible] his paper he challenges us to [illegible] the name of the leading Dem[illegible] dictated the policy of the [illegible]. As usual he flies off at a [illegible]. The MINER said:

"[illegible] in the State campaign of 1897 [illegible] financial editor [illegible] the Democratic State [illegible] top of his columns, until [illegible] before election, when [illegible] to task for such neglect [illegible] along the same line [illegible] Democrat. A war of [illegible]. Afterwards the writer [illegible] editor make a public [illegible] that he would run his [illegible] and he would [illegible] to by others, as to [illegible] should or should not do. [illegible] to relate in the next issue [illegible] the names of Brown [illegible] at the head of the [illegible] without a word of [illegible] as to their appearance there [illegible] late day."

[illegible] MINER never said anyone dic[illegible] the policy of the Democrat, for [illegible] never had any policy to be [illegible]. But the editor undoubtedly [illegible] that by slipping the State [illegible] to the head of his columns [illegible] under the Democratic [illegible] and be counted as a full [illegible] Democrat, even though he [illegible] to show the proper credentials. [illegible] has the name of the Dem[illegible] as well as the name of another [illegible] who was present and heard [illegible] conversation, but does not [illegible] necessary to bring them into [illegible]. The MINER is accused [illegible] editorials from persons [illegible] the office. Why, bless your [illegible], glance over your own [illegible] you will be surprised to [illegible] articles written by out[illegible] found welcome space in [illegible]. But enough of this. We [illegible] hot-headed editor to [illegible] continue this kind [illegible]. The readers [illegible] with [illegible] and [illegible]

While the Quay factions are assailing Wanamaker and his followers and the ex-Postmaster General and his friends are turning over the bosses in the State, Hon. C. W. Stone is quietly following the even tenor of his way and making political hay while the sun shines, which will stand him in good stead on the second of June next, when the Republicans of Pennsylvania assemble at Harrisburg to place in nomination our next State ticket. The average voter throughout the State will naturally inquire the reason of all this trouble in the Republican party, if as both the Quay and Wanamaker sides claim, they are honorable and fair, while their opponents are all that is vile and disreputable. Now the voter who has the good of the party and State at heart will naturally inquire what is the cause of all these accusations of dishonesty and political legerdemain from both sides. His conclusion will be that neither of these would-be bosses are safe leaders at any time, let alone now, when there is so much unrest in political parties. A little ripple or bubble on the political sea will cause a rush of party voters like a stampede of wild cattle on the western plains. The presidential years of 1884, 1888, 1892 and 1896 prove this assertion to be true, that the voters are not bound to party ties as they were for a quarter of a century prior to 1884. The independent voter is here and is bound to make himself felt by any party of men who place self above party. In the person of Hon. C. W. Stone the Republicans of Pennsylvania have a candidate *for governor* whom all can trust. Even a hide-bound *free-silver* Democrat would be well pleased to see him occupy the chief *executive chair at Harrisburg, if* there was no possible show of electing a *Democrat to* that honored position. Step by step has the Hon. C. W. Stone *won his way to his present exalted position*. First as Member of Assembly, *then as State Senator, afterwards as* Secretary of the Commonwealth and *Lieutenant Governor from* 1879 *to* 1883, and lastly Member of Congress, which position he has ably *filled for* four successive terms with such marked *ability* that he has gained a national reputation as a statesman. His views on the financial question have made his name familiar in every household *in the land.* Every voter in the State knows that he would be a safe guide at the *helm* of the ship of State, and if the honest voters of the grand old Commonwealth are allowed to register their choice untrammeled by boss dictation Hon. C. W. Stone will be our next governor. He is a safe man and would heal all differences in the ranks of the party. With him as our standard-bearer the old Keystone State would roll up a Republican majority next fall that would make that given McKinley in 1896 look puny in comparison. To the Republican voters of Pennsylvania we would say, throw aside clannishness in this campaign and work for the good of the State and more purity in politics.

Rally around the standard of Hon. C. W. Stone. Purity in politics is his watchword. He is no man's tool, but will discharge the duties devolving upon him with fidelity and honor.

WITH A WHOOP.

Hon. C. W. Stone carried the Lawrence county Republican convention with a whoop. The handwriting is on the wall—the people demand the nomination of Gov. Stone and the will of the people must be respected.—Cameron Press.

ALL to be said of these ships coming over is that the first Spaniard that ever touched these shores went back convinced that it was a wonderful country.—Philadelphia Times. And he kept coming until he went back in chains.

A PELICAN's pouch is large enough to contain seven or eight quarts of water.—Philadelphia Inquirer. Such being the case send the bird to Kentucky.

SPAIN is gradually discovering that three cs are very essential to successfully carry on a war. They are cash, coal and credit.

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The following interesting address was delivered by Sheridan Gorton at the Smethport Glee Club rooms at the last "smoker":

Members of the Smethport Glee Club:

You, the young men of this borough, have banded yourselves together for the purposes of self improvement, recreation, amusement and pleasure, and have asked me to address you. I am, I believe, either to amuse, entertain or instruct you, if I can, on such subjects as I may choose, but it has been told me that I am expected to talk to you regarding the present national situation between our great republic and the monarchical government of Spain.

When I examine the record of your membership, I am impressed with the idea that I have a very critical audience. Youth is apt to look at mistakes either in rhetoric, facts or judgment with far less leniency than maturity; its bounding pulses, hopeful expectations and ambitious designs, look to future success as far more certain and to failure with less apprehension, than does the mature mind, when years of toil, experiences of many shattered hopes, exploded theories and unsatisfied ambitions have shown strewed with wrecks and disasters the way which seldom, but by untiring industry and steady application leads to success and competency.

I do not for a moment wish you to understand that the terms, success and competency, are synonymous. Many a man has lived in comparative poverty whose life measured by a true criterion, has been a great success, and many another has died possessed of great wealth, whose whole life has been a complete failure.

I see many among you just emerging from boyhood, frolicsome, buoyant, ambitious and hopeful, others of more mature years many of whom have had all the advantages of education and refinement that kind friends and loving parents could provide for them, and I feel that I should *carefully consider* what I say, what advice I may give, what counsel I may present, what commendations and encouragements I may offer and what admonitions I may utter.

You are young, life is seemingly all before you, there are no wrecks behind, what you make of that future depends *far more upon yourselves* than upon anything else. *It is true* that some have more influential friends than others. That many will have better opportunities, earlier presented than others. But the story of life has repeatedly told us that they who have unflinchingly borne their burdens, and taken advantage of every opportunity offered, have risen often to grander heights than those whose earlier years were prosperous and promising.

It may not be out of place for me who have had considerable experience in deliberative assemblies, secret and civic societies, to offer a few suggestions, regarding the conduct and government of your association.

In the first place you should *adopt* certain rules and regulations, usually called a constitution and by-laws. You should be careful not to adopt these until you are entirely conversant with their requirements, and after mature deliberation and a careful comparison with the laws governing similar bodies. This constitution should state what officers you are to have, the time and method of their election, their qualifications and duties. The qualifications of the members, and the manner of their admission, suspension and expulsion; and the way in which your financial affairs should be handled. Many other things may be embraced, depending upon circumstances, and as you will generally find that what you have first adopted will not be entirely satisfactory, you should be sure to incorporate a concise and certain way to amend or alter. But be sure and not place too great authority in the hands of your officers or standing committees. Let the members, or a majority of the members, constituting a quorum, present at a *regular or special meeting* retain full power in their hands. Delegate to no one, especially in advance, any powers that ought to belong to the members.

Harmony is a good thing, but entire harmony is not always conducive to good government or a healthy growth. Discussion should be invited, not discountenanced. The adverse opinions of others should not only *be tolerated* and listened to with attention and moderation, but should be considered in our final decisions. It is a poor argument to say, if you do not like what *we are doing you can go elsewhere.* There might be cases in which the one differing would be in the right.

I have always liked the boys. I am certain that I love them, and I believe in them. To me *they are not merely* allowed, because we cannot help ourselves. I love to be with them. I do not want to see old heads on young shoulders, nor do I believe that the majority of young men of *twenty-one* believe nothing can be learned from men over forty. It is a *pleasure for* me to have them around, either in leisure moments or in busy hours. I enjoy them at my office and at my home. And I must confess that I really enjoyed what a lady of *this place once* said to me, although my better half considered it rather a doubtful compliment. It was this, "Mr. G. I don't believe you will ever get over being a boy." Boys, I hope I never shall get over it. I have not forgotten that I was a boy, in every sense of the word, over a quarter of a century ago and if pleasant recollections of boyhood's days and an *enjoyment of boyish* pastimes and pursuits make me a boy, I am one of you yet, and hope to belong to you for years to come, and I want to be taken into your confidence.

In presenting to you the subject which you as young Americans are so deeply interested in, an intelligent statement of the relations now existing between the governments of the United States and Spain necessitates a brief outline of the history of each, the people from whom *they derive* their national existence, their character, education, culture, progress or deterioration and even something of their religion. The history of each is as varied as are *their national characteristics.*

The conquering armies of the times of Grecian fables and the enterprising traders of Phoenicia and Carthage found on the Spanish peninsula a people *seemingly composed of two distinct* nations. The dark Iberian, supposed to have reached her shores from the south by way of the Strait of Gibraltar, and the light Celt, who had westward advanced in irresistible hordes, covered and taken possession of Western Europe. These united and were called Celtiberians. To day as we of other lands read of Spain, our first glimpse of her is in the bible language, where we read of the Ships of Tarshish. The Grecians and the Phœnicians called the peninsula Iberia, the Romans called it Hispanola.

Grecians, Phoenicians and Carthaginians founded colonies on her shores and long before the time of the Punic wars, which forever settled the prestige between Rome and Carthage, contending hosts had often swept over her fertile valleys leaving destruction, desolation and death in their devastating course. Seemingly the richest, fairest and most fruitful land of ancient times, it has experienced the worst convulsions. Hamilcar and Hannibal, Scipio, Julius Cæsar and Pompey and other mighty warriors have had vast armies and fought great battles upon her soil. The efforts to subjugate her people were desperate and sanguinary.

Previous to the time of Julius Cæsar the native inhabitants often revolted. That they were a brave and warlike people, is shown that from the time of Hannibal until the time of Cæsar, a period of two hundred years, the conquering legions of the Roman Empire, those valiant and sturdy soldiers whose prowess alone in other countries almost seemed to cow the inhabitants, were engaged in trying to subdue this people. In fact the people of the [illegible] of Europe were never subdued by them. To-day they seem to be a separate people with a separate language and almost a separate government.

After the time of Cæsar for more than four hundred years, under the occupation of the Romans peace and prosperity reigned. When we come to reflect, that for a longer time than *from the discovery of America* by Columbus to the present day Spain was at peace, we can imagine what must have been her progress and how she must have advanced in the civilization of the Roman world.

The country became so thoroughly Romanized that it was one of the principal seats of Roman civilization and literature. Christianity was early introduced and in the time of Constantine the Christianization of the entire country was completed. Even to-day the evidences of the Roman occupation are prevalent. The great military roads, ruined castles and *fortresses,* ancient theatres and gateways are still *shown as erected* during that time.

The decay of the Roman Empire called several German tribes to Spain who encountered but feeble resistance. It seems that the peaceful sway of Rome for such a long period had the same effect of enervating its population as did the same cause in the Island of Britain, and that this people became as easy a prey to the conquering Germans as did the Briton to the Saxon. The Suevi founded an empire in the northwest part and the Vandals settled in the southern part, which was called after them Vandalusia (now Andalusia). The Romans called to their aid the Visigoths, a powerful empire in southwest France, who drove out the Vandals into Africa. The Visigoths soon subdued the whole of Spain with the exception of the northwest which remained in the possession of the Suevi till 585 A. D. when they were also destroyed. In 476 the Roman dominion was ended and Spain received its first written law from a Gothic king. The population was then composed of the Gothic, the Latin and the native Spanish. The constitution of the Visigoths was an elective monarchy, which proved to be a prolific source of violence, assassination and civil war, which in 711 proved the ruin of the government, by one of the contending forces calling to their aid the Arabs of Africa. These in a very short time overran and conquered the whole of Spain with the exception of a few provinces among the mountains and the province of *Navarre,* now a part of France. Thus began the occupation by the Moors. The conquered part of Spain became at first a province of the eastern Caliphs. Civil war occurring in the east, Abderrachman, who had escaped the massacre of his family, was invited to Spain and in 756 established an independent dynasty at Cordova.

Agriculture, commerce, science and art flourished, and the literary institutions of the Spanish Mohammedans were so celebrated that they were frequented by Christian students from all countries of Europe. The Jews became very prosperous, and it was in Spain that the mediæval Hebrew literature reached its highest development. The language and customs of the Moors became generally predominant. Early in the eleventh century the Caliphate of Cordova became the prey of internal revolutions, and in 1031 it disappeared altogether, numerous kingdoms being founded on its ruins. During this time the Christian *power in the north part of* the peninsula had gradually increased. Navarre appeared as an independent State in the ninth century and gradually rose to be a powerful kingdom. Near the sources *of the Ebro and the Pisuerga* arose the kingdom of Castile, at first a small republic consisting of some forts and a small town. If it was ever subdued by the Moors it soon threw off their yoke, *for as early* as 759 there appears a Count of Castile. Its rulers soon assumed the title of King and in 1037 Ferdinand I, the Great, united the kingdom of Leon with Castile, which was henceforth the most powerful Spanish State. Catalonia was ruled by Counts. Aragon, which had formed a part of Navarre, became an independent kingdom in 1035, and in 1137 was united with Catalonia. Portugal was made a distinct county about 1095 and in 1139 was erected into a kingdom.

The most important of the Moorish States which arose out of the Caliphate of Cordova were Toledo, Valencia, Murcia, Saragossa and Seville. The last became very powerful and comprised Andalusia, Cordova, Algarve and other territories. In 1085 Alfonso VI of Castile destroyed the kingdom of Toledo and made its capital his residence and named his conquest New Castile.

Toward the close of the eleventh century the Moorish sect of the Almoravides, who had established their dynasty at Morocco, invaded Spain, overthrew the kingdom of Seville and rapidly extended their sway over the other Moorish territories. But before the middle of the twelfth century a new revolution in Africa raised the sect of the Almohades to power and the Almoravides of Spain succumbed.

The Christian princes, who like the Mohammedan rulers, had constantly warred against each other, resolved to *unite their forces* in a common effort and in 1212 Alfonso IX of Castile, with the kings of Arragon and Navarre, annihilated the power of the Almohades in the great battle of Navas de Tolosa in the *Sierra Morena.* Their empire fell to pieces and before the close of the century Moorish dominion had been restricted to the kingdom of Grenada, which paid homage to Castile. Grenada continued for two centuries a great and popular State. Weakened by continual wars with Castile and by internal dissensions it finally, after a desperate conflict, succumbed to Ferdinand and Isabella. Thus after a period of seven and a half centuries perishes the power of the Moors in Spain, and then began the period of Christian rule in the peninsula, which in its gradually increasing intolerance, fostered by scheming rulers and a fanatic priesthood, filled the annals of its history with such stories of cruelty, persecution and martyrdom that the whole civilized world of to-day is filled with horror at its inhumanity.

Among the Christian States of Spain Aragon and Castile became the most powerful, and in the course of time absorbed all the others.

The subjugation of the kingdom of Grenada, the last Moorish possession in Spain (1492) completed the political consolidation of the kingdom, [illegible] Naples, and still more the discovery of America by Columbus, and the [illegible] of a large portion of [illegible] America by Spanish Generals, [illegible] new kingdom of Spain to [illegible] the powers of the earth.

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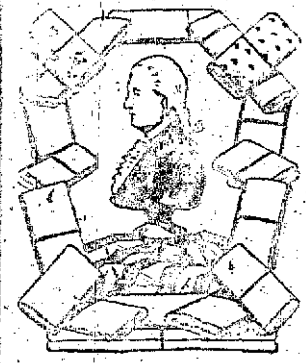

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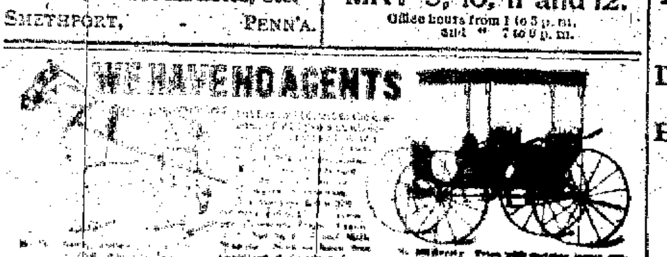

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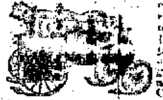

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Assignee's Notice.

In the matter of the assignment of James Carter to A. C. Phillips for the benefit of the creditors of said James Carter.	In the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County, Pa. No. 30, June Term, 1896.

TO ALL PARTIES CONCERNED:—

Take notice that A. C. Phillips, Assignee of James Carter, has filed his Second and Final account of trust, as such Assignee, and the same will be presented to the Court of Common Pleas for allowance, at a session of said Court to be held at Smethport, Pa., on Monday, the 18th day of April, A. D. 1898, at 2 o'clock p. m., and the same will then be allowed and confirmed absolutely, unless cause be shown why the same should not be allowed.

GEO. W. MITCHELL, Prothonotary.
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SMETHPORT, FRIDAY, APR. 8, 1898.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

War.

The eastern clouds portend a storm,
And fighting Mars appears in form;
The "eagle" turns his watchful eye
From peaceful crag to stormy sky.
Old Spain, whose flag was once unfurled
To lift to light our western world,
Whose feet first touched our nation's sod,
And offered it, in faith, to God.

Columbus loved the land that gave
A hero true, so great and brave;
And shall that love now turn to hate,
And "Freedom's Sword" decide her fate?
Our nation hears poor Cuba's plea,
And gives to it her sympathy;
We feed her poor, her fleeing take,
And this we do for honor's sake.

We have no heart to make a war
Upon the nations ruling far.
But should it be to us a wonder,
That cause may come to draw our thunder;
For act alone from treacherous Spain,
Awakes the world to sheer disdain.
Our cause is just if we must fight—
The world will know that we are right.

Our faith to Spain must ever be,
Our love for lands that would be free;
The nation's flag ne'er trailed in dust,
Because our battlefields were just.
If sword we take for liberty,
The stars shall rule on land and sea;
Our nation knows ye, cruel Spain,
The hand that sank the friendly Maine.

—I. T. W.

—Good Friday.

—Gifford's mill started up last Monday.

—Will our "Flying Squadron" make the Spanish fly?

—April showers present a white and frigid appearance.

—D. M. Brasted is recovering from a severe attack of grip.

—The National League base ball season opens next Friday.

—Gov. Hastings has designated April 8 and 22 as Arbor days.

—Mrs. S. E. Strong orders her MINER sent to Chautauqua for a season.

—Fred McFall of Eldred will play with the Canandaigua base ball team this season.

—Mrs. Carrie Reilly's Easter window presents a most attractive appearance at present.

—Gold has been discovered at Little Cooley, Crawford county, says the Warren Mirror.

—T. H. Ryan removed Andrew Anderson of Port Allegany to the Warren asylum Monday.

—Attend the concert at the opera house next Monday evening and help along a worthy cause.

—With a little more snow the past week would have passed for good snug winter weather.

—McCoy's Drug Store has a new advertisement calling attention to presents for Easter. Read it.

—It is in order for Port Allegany to spring another plagiarized poem relative to glass plants and things.

—Last Saturday Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Ryan took Mrs. Mary Skogrun of Mt. Jewett to the Warren asylum.

—Last Monday was pension day, and a great many of the veterans presented their credentials to Prothonotary Mitchell.

—Read the the new advertisement of C. A. Burdick and you will know what to do when you want your piano tuned.

—Messrs. Fry and Weimer have decorated F. G. Lindholm & Co.'s windows in Easter array. The display of the season's novelties is pleasing and unique.

—A. E. Stickles has been having a racket with pneumonia for a few days. Yesterday he was out attending to business when he ought to have been in bed.

—[illegible] appearance for Easter.

—The small boy has his hands full these days watching the hens' nests and hunting up secret places to hide the hen fruit in until Easter.

—There is a rumor that Messrs. Boyd & Smith of Clermont will purchase the McCormick saloon on the corner of Union and State streets, Olean.

—See the garbage notice in another column. The right move has been made. Now let every citizen assist in keeping our streets and alleys clean.

—The concert given by the Bell Ringers at the Baptist church Wednesday night was excellent and well attended considering the Lenten season.

—See change in D. M. Brasted's advertisement. He tells you about fruits this week, and those who have purchased of Dan know that he is authority on green stuffs.

—Fresh buttermilk on tap daily at the creamery. Do not fail to become a patron and partake of this palatable nectar and reap a benefit from its health-giving qualities.

—To those who have received notice of their indebtedness to the MINER we will state that the date for transferring the accounts to the collector's hands has been extended to May 1st.

—List of letters remaining in the postoffice at Smethport for the week ending April 2, 1898: Frank Fullerton, Miss Mary Knapp. Persons calling for these letters please say "advertised."

—There are a number of tramps hanging around town. Those having authority should see that these gentlemen of the road have the proper invitation to move on ere they commit some depredation.

—The MINER is in receipt of the American Type Founders Co. specimen book and price list of Albert Nathan & Co.'s printing inks. This is by all odds the finest specimen book ever presented to the trade.

—According to the Wellsboro Agitator Delmar township in which that borough is located has lost from her former assessment 889 acres of land and the decreased valuation is $103 389. This is rather an unusual proceeding.

—The entertainment to be given at Kittredge opera house, Tuesday evening, April 19, under the direction of Miss Bessie Taylor, will be for the benefit of the Smethport Glee club. Everyone go and help a good cause along.

—Miss Mary Ryan of McKean county spent Sunday the guest of W. L. Holman's family on the north side. She was on her way to Lock Haven to attend the spring session of the Central State Normal school.—Renovo Record.

—Owing to an exceedingly mild winter our business men have been compelled to pay out over $1,200 to secure their ice for the summer. The next time, gentlemen, follow "Pinky's" plan to raise the ice up and let it freeze on both sides.

—In the announcement of births in last week's issue one should have read Johnson instead of Anderson. But it made Anderson feel so happy that we were almost tempted to leave it so and let him imagine himself the father of such a fine boy.

—The effects of the war discussion are being felt in Smethport. The greater part of the product of the Smethport Extract Company is sold abroad, and as the war scare has curtailed orders from that source it is said the plant will soon shut down indefinitely.

—On the second page of this issue of the MINER will be found the highly interesting address delivered by District Attorney Sheridan Gorton before the Smethport Glee Club on the occasion of their first monthly smoker, Saturday evening, March 26.

—The concert for the benefit of the poor burial fund will be given next Monday evening only, not Monday and Tuesday as has been stated by some. Those desirous of lending assistance to a most worthy cause should go to the opera house next Monday evening.

—Albert Hackett, who resides on a farm below East Smethport, has considerable of a dairy of his own. He has 27 cows, 25 of which are now giving milk. Mr. Hackett is taking advantage of the lessons taught in our agricultural schools lately and improving accordingly.

—To fully appreciate the home newspaper a person should go far away among strangers. Then they will discover that the home newspaper is a thousand times more precious than a carload of city papers. Send your distant relative or friend a receipt for one year's subscription to your home paper.

—Will some of our wise men inform the local fishermen here how to tell with certainty the age of fish. We mean the ones they catch. There must be some peculiarity of teeth, spots or other data to work on.—Westfield Free Press. Brother Kimball, you evidently mean size, instead of age.

—Do not fail to attend the concert next Monday evening at the opera house. The object in giving this concert is to raise a fund for assisting relatives of those who die in the county almshouse who are not able to bury their dead. The program in full will be found elsewhere in this issue of the MINER.

—Elisha K. Kane has purchased of the Smethport Extract Company their immense tract of standing timber on Cole creek comprising 7,600 acres. Consideration $235,000. It is expected that the timber on this tract will be sawed at Mr. Kane's Kushequa mills, and will keep that plant in operation for at least ten years.

—Erie Swanson, who formerly resided with his father, H. P. Swanson, on Marvin creek, but went to Denver, Colorado, about two years ago, was killed by a runaway team last Saturday. A dispatch reached here Sunday announcing the sad intelligence. The deceased was aged thirty-three years and unmarried. A younger brother was with him at the time of the accident. His father, mother, and four brothers are left to mourn his untimely end.

—Persons who contemplate taking the C. L. S. C., or even a part of it, for the coming year are earnestly desired to make it a point to attend at least one of the meetings and so judge for themselves of the thoroughness and simplicity of the work. This work is so admirably divided and arranged that even the busiest people need not feel debarred from taking it up. There are absolutely no iron rules attached to this institution, each one doing only what he is able. Please remember the place, the Baptist lecture room, and the time, Tuesday at 2:30 p. m.

—Mrs. Bertha Danielson of Mt. Jewett who has been an inmate of the poor-house for some time died there at 1:30 p. m. last Sunday, aged 75 years. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Ryan met with considerable difficulty in having the remains interred. The W. C. T. U. were willing to incur the expense, but the act of assembly required that the request for burial must come from a relative. This was finally accomplished. May this statute be eliminated from our State laws by the next legislature.

—The Nineteenth Century" prepared by Mrs. F. F. Richmond; Mrs. S. L. Knapp's paper described the "Great American Libraries" and Mrs. L. K. Hogarth gave a review of "Quo Vadis." Three names were added to the list of members with several more applications expected.

—Hereafter the newspapers of Clinton county will not mention the name of any lawyer in connection with court proceedings. The lawyers met first and decided that advertising was degrading and vulgar. Then the newspaper men met and declared that the lawyers were all politicians and wanted everything for nothing, and decided to keep their names out of print.

—This week's Democrat says that it published the commissioners' statement "free gratis" and adds: "As we have got our hand in in giving the county advertising free publicity, we do not propose to show any favoritism in the work." The well-known very limited circulation of the Democrat cannot give very wide publicity to any statement, so it is presumed that papers with some standing as to circulation will continue to be selected to publish legal advertisements.

—A progressive dinner is a new fad inaugurated at Washington, D. C., lately. The host and hostess with the two guests of honor are seated at the head table which has at least two or four vacant seats while the other tables have four covers. After the first course two from each of the smaller tables move up towards the head table. Thus before the dinner is ended all the guests will have the pleasure of being seated and chatting with the hosts and guests of honor.

—The great "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's oratorio, "The Messiah," will be sung at St. Luke's church on Easter day at the evening service. When this oratorio was first sung at London the people were so impressed by the opening passages of the Hallelujah Chorus that they rose up in a body and remained standing during the chorus. It has been the custom ever since wherever this chorus is sung, whether in sacred or secular places, for the people to stand during this magnificent tribute of music to the royalty of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

—Last week Frank Rockwell of Coryville purchased a drove of sheep near Emporium. He started them toward his farm, but they became tired out when the farm of N. U. Hyde was reached and were turned into Mr. Hyde's pasture for a few days' rest. Last Friday night dogs got into the pasture and the next morning 17 lambs and 3 old sheep were found to be dead and a number of others injured. The dog is thought to be a tramp that has been seen hanging around East Smethport for some time past. Such animals should be killed as soon as it is found that they have no owner.

—Prof. Coles' predictions for April are rather startling. He says: "This month another comet will be sighted, and there will be one or two breaks in the gaseous matter passing over the sun that will cause terrible storms, destructive floods, snow blockades, fierce hail storms, cyclones, hurricanes and tidal waves, awful electrical displays and tremendous thunder vibrations. The cold waves and the heat waves will pursue each other in battle array, and make the month like both December and May. Watch out for three beautiful sunset scenes and two strange appearing circles around the moon that will cause its rays to appear in all the colors of the rainbow, and black snow will fall in some localities. Epidemics will run riot in both hemispheres. Earthquakes and tidal waves will do untold damage, especially in the old country." He also predicts white lightning and green lightning. Prof. Coles is editor of that unique and interesting little journal, Storms and Signs, published at Kingston, Pa., at the low rate of $1.00 per year.

—Messrs. F. W. Brownell, W. P. Walsh, R. E. Burdick, Watley Gifford, F. L. Holmes and Alba Gilfillan are deserving of the thanks and heartfelt gratitude of the entire community for their indefatigable energy in securing an industry to locate here. Against almost insurmountable difficulties have these gentlemen labored for months to gain this point and at last success has crowned their efforts and we are assured of having a good paying industry locate in our midst. One discouragement after another have these energetic and determined gentlemen overcome, never wavering, always looking ahead with a courage worthy of any cause. Mr. John Forrest has aided these gentlemen in every way that he possibly could. With no waving of banners and no discharge of dynamite to proclaim to the world their success, these gentlemen have labored unceasingly and ere long the denizens of the "farm" will have their morning slumbers disturbed by the sound of hammers not on the "farm," but over the hill by the court house. Now will you be good?

—The death by violence of W. C. Brann, the editor of the newspaper in Waco, Tex., known as the Iconoclast, is a result that everybody anticipated, probably. The man was a firebrand in the community where he resided and there was certain to be no peace so long as he lived. He attacked men and women indiscriminately and defamed character with no other apparent purpose than to gratify his distorted imagination. Of Northern birth he went South and immediately became one of the most rabid of fire-eaters and bitter negro haters. He was the direct cause of the death of several men, the maiming of others and the wrecking of many reputations. It is a charity to suppose that the man's mind was unbalanced and that he was not responsible for what he said and did. He should have been confined in an asylum, but as that was probably impossible his death will be a relief to the community which he disgraced. Society is well rid of him, and his reckless career and tragic death should be a warning to others who may be tempted to follow in his footsteps.—Phila. Press. There are certain editors in this neck of the woods who might profit by this.

—Mrs. Carrie Reilly wishes to call the attention of her many patrons to the fact that she is again ready to supply their wants in millinery, etc. Her stock of trimmed and pattern hats is unusually large and covers the latest in fashion's fancies most completely. Her millinery supplies are exceedingly stylish and fancy. Watch for notice of summer opening later. Satisfy yourself by calling on her in the Reilly block, Smethport.

Garbage Notice.

The council has made arrangements with D. C. Young to allow all garbage to be dumped in the cove on the right hand side of the road, below the residence of Clint Irons at the lower end of the borough. A road has been built down to the cove and all garbage must be hauled there.

A Grand Offer.

The MINER and thrice a week World for the small sum of $1.65, strictly in advance. This gives you 208 papers a year for the above small sum. Send in your subscription at once and reap the benefit of this exceptionally low offer.

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The MINER and thrice a week World for only $1.65.

Miss Lydia Burlingame visited [illegible] Monday.

Miss Lena Wright visited Bradford friends Monday.

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[illegible] in Bradford Tuesday.

Mrs. T. A. [illegible] and Mrs. S. W. Bell visited Kane Tuesday.

C. P. Byron of Bradford spent a couple of days in town this week.

Lewis Hamer and family visited Port Allegany friends last Saturday.

G. W. Mitchell transacted business in the oil metropolis Wednesday.

Fay B. Anderson of Kane was greeting old friends in town Wednesday.

J. F. Davis and John Brennan were in Mt. Jewett on business Tuesday.

Miss Edna Keenan came over from Bradford last Saturday to visit her parents.

T. H. Morrison arrived home from Williamstown, Mass., Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Carrie Reilly went to Buffalo Friday last to lay in a stock of spring millinery.

J. W. McCarty and Bert. Ryan went to Kane Monday to commence building operations.

Commissioner Lemuel Davis spent a few days the first of the week with his family at Kane.

Dr. F. H. Bartlett and wife of Olean will be guests of Dr. and Mrs. H. L. McCoy over Sunday.

F. G. Lindholm returned from Buffalo last Saturday where he had been to purchase spring goods.

E. J. Walker, one of Duke Centre's influential citizens, was a guest at the Wright House Wednesday.

[illegible] Richmond and [illegible] came over from Bradford Tuesday night. Harry says Duke Drop stock is booming.

M. S. Thompson and Jos. L. Knox, two of Coudersport's prominent citizens, were guests at the Capital Wednesday.

Frank Baker went to Bradford last Sunday to visit his brother, John W., who has been quite ill, but is improving rapidly.

John Carlson and son, Edward, departed for Wellsboro last Saturday to finish their job on the Episcopal church at that place.

Paul Hamlin and M. M. Gillette departed for Washington Wednesday night. They are bound to be at headquarters if stirring events should arise.

J. H. Tew, D. D. G. M., of I. O. O. F. of McKean county, was a most agreeable caller at this office Monday, while on his way to Eldred where he installed the officers of that lodge.

A. D. Doyle was down from Whitesville over Sunday. He was accompanied by Jas. Hodge, who intended purchasing Doyle's household goods. Gus says he will have no use for them until the war with Spain and his own conflict with Latin verbs is ended.

J. C. Trumbell of Ceres was a most agreeable caller at this office Wednesday. Mr. Trumbell was one of the early settlers, coming to Ceres first in January, 1842, and has resided in the county ever since. He is now hale and hearty at the age of 75 years and the writer enjoyed his visit in listening to his recital of early reminiscences of the hardships endured by those hardy settlers. He is a staunch Republican and thoroughly enjoys life.

Death of Patrick Henry Smith.

Patrick Henry Smith died at his home in East Smethport on March 31, 1898, aged 40 years, 3 months and 3 days. His death was caused by that dread disease, consumption, with which he had been a sufferer for about three years.

Mr. Smith was born in Bridgeville, Sullivan county, N. Y., and came to East Smethport about twenty years ago. He was married to Winifred Glenn and the union was blessed with three children: Harry Edward, aged 15, Helen Agnes, aged 12, who with their mother survive him, and Paul, who was drowned about a year ago. His father, Matthew Smith; three brothers, Thomas of Bush Hill, Matthew and John who reside with their father at Bridgeville, N. Y., and a sister, Maggie, also survive him.

For eighteen years Mr. Smith worked as a cooper at the Extract works and was always a well-liked and reliable workman. He was a member in good standing of the Protected Home Circle and carried a $2,000 policy in that order.

Thos. Call of Olean, an uncle of the deceased, in company with his wife and son, Fred, were in attendance at the funeral. The other out of town relatives in attendance were Thomas J. Glenn of Buffalo and Mrs. Frank Whelan of Bradford.

The funeral was held in St. Elizabeth's church at 10 o'clock last Monday morning, Rev. M. P. Flood officiating. The interment was made in St. Elizabeth's cemetery.

Death of Timothy Kinney.

Timothy Kinney, one of the oldest residents of Marvin creek, died at his residence March 28, 1898, at 4:15 p. m. of cancer of the stomach, aged 70 years, 4 months and 9 days.

Mr. Kinney was one of the pioneers of McKean county. Coming to Pennsylvania he purchased a tract of land of Delos Burlingame and by strict economy and many days of hard work he succeeded in making a home for himself and family.

The deceased was born in Wileytown, Otsego county, N. Y., Nov. 19, 1827, and was married to Miss Sarah Thorpe in November, 1852, moving to Kasson in 1856. The fruits of this union were five daughters and one son. Besides the aged partner of his life's joys and sorrows two daughters and one son survive him.

The funeral was held at his late residence on March 30, Rev. O. H. Nicholls of Mt. Jewett officiating. The remains were laid at rest in the Aldrich cemetery at Kasson, followed by a large concourse of mourning friends and relatives.

May he rest in peace as he has been a great sufferer here for many years.

Good Friday Services at St. Luke's.

On Good Friday at St. Luke's the services will be as follows:

Morning Prayer and Litany at 9 a. m., preaching of the Cross 12 m. to 3 p. m., Litany and sermon to children at 4 p. m. The service from 12 to 3 p. m. will consist of prayers, hymns and intervals for silent devotion, with addresses on the Seven Sayings from the Cross, chiefly on the subjects, 1, The Appeal from the Cross; 2, Paradise; 3, Spiritual Relationships; 4, Spiritual Desolation; 5, Spiritual Cravings; 6, Finished Work; 7, Death and Destiny.

An earnest call is made to the people generally to attend this service on the great Memorial Day and to come in and depart at pleasure if unable to attend the whole service. The children are all asked to gather at 4 p. m. to hear the Story of the Cross.

"The Beautiful Life of Frances E. Willard" by Miss Anna Gordon. The Smethport W. C. T. Union has appointed as agent for this choicest of books Mrs. Jennette Hustad, and we earnestly ask that those wishing to purchase should reserve orders until waited upon by our agent.

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[illegible] of Spring [illegible]

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Fishing tackle at Armstrong & Co.'s.

[illegible] alcohol in the universal and [illegible] of every kind [illegible] produced [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] only [illegible] the decline [illegible] capillary [illegible] quantities [illegible] producing [illegible] ance may be [illegible] stand to confirm the [illegible] is concerned in the body [illegible] of the pyrexia of food (Bartholow, Pract. f. Mat. Med., p. 568.) The special conditions which call for the use of alcohol, and without which, or some of which, it is apt to be injurious rather than useful, are the following: Constitutional debility, and especially that which is due to advanced life; a compressible, slow or irregular pulse, with a feeble impulse and first sound of the heart; a tendency to syncope; a sluggish capillary circulation and a dry tongue; wandering delirium, febrile stupor, tremor, or subsultus, and involuntary dejections. In the fevers above mentioned these are both loss of power and nervous disorders (adynamia and ataxia); in some other diseases in which the spinal nervous system appears exhausted and debility and even paralysis of the muscles, both voluntary and involuntary, may occur. These accidents happen in the fevers already mentioned and also, but less frequently, in the eruptive fevers, in relapsing fever and in diphtheria, in all of which the first threatening of their approach should be met with alcoholic and other stimulants.

It should always, in acute febrile diseases, be administered in divided doses and its effects upon the symptoms noted. If [illegible] [illegible] point is its administration [illegible] never be allowed [illegible] even by abnormally exciting [illegible] by supplying. It is absolutely contraindicated in febrile diseases with scanty and albuminous urine of low specific gravity. Alcohol in any of its forms is seldom necessary in diseases affecting children, and then only in small quantities and as a transient stimulant. In old age, on the other hand, its utility is very great and, indeed, it is often indispensable. Of the several forms of alcohol appropriate in low and asthenic diseases, the best is usually the one to which (if to any) the patient is accustomed. In general, sound wine is preferable to distilled liquors, and of the latter, brandy, when pure, is far better than whiskey. Sparkling are superior to still wines for this purpose and white to red wines, except during convalescence. In these cases alcohol is to be used as a stimulant and not for its alleged antipyretic action, which is wholly a secondary effect.

The rules just stated should govern the use of alcohol in pulmonary consumption. If it improves digestion, increases the weight and strength, reduces the fever and lessens the cough, expectoration and sweating it may be regarded as exerting its most favorable influences. But, unfortunately, these salutary effects cannot be confidently anticipated; too often it increases fever, diminishes appetite and impairs digestion. Two conditions appear essential to its utility: first, that the phthisis shall be primary and chronic, and not the consequence of a previous pleurisy or lobar pneumonia; and secondly, that the patient shall use muscular exercise in the open air proportioned to his strength. Under these circumstances it is the best adjuvant of cod liver oil, which, indeed, so far as alcohol is a nutrient, it resembles in its mode of action. In delirium tremens, alcohol in the form of malt liquor, wine or distilled liquor is a direct antidote to this peculiar effect of intemperance. As the morning dram steadies the tremulous hand and tottering gait of the sot, so alcohol reduces to co-ordination the distracted ideas, perceptions and movements of the victim of delirium tremens; and the more certainly, speedily, and with a smaller dose in proportion as it is aided in its operation by physical fatigue produced by walking. It must not be forgotten that this delirium is usually the result of an abrupt cessation of the habit of drinking, either by the stomach giving out or by some suddenly depressing influence, such as a surgical injury. In poisoning by venomous serpents and by narcotics alcohol is often used to sustain life until the elimination of the poison has been accomplished. In some cases of the former kind very large doses of alcohol have been tolerated, whether owing to the poison itself or to the patient's excitement may be questioned. Alcohol is not a direct antidote to serpent poison. The full effects of this liquid have proved sufficient for the cure of traumatic tetanus (lock-jaw); its slightly stimulant action, on the other hand, has been resorted to for "preventing" epileptiform attacks, and by the same mechanism doubtless it prevents, and even arrests, reflex convulsions, such as occur during dentition, the vomiting of pregnancy and the paroxysms of neuralgia when thus administered in small doses.

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Growing Old.

The following beautiful poem was inclosed in a letter of congratulation that Mrs. T. L. Medbury, now of Akron, Iowa, wrote Mrs. Mary E. Curtis on her 83rd birthday, March 26th, 1898. The letter arrived promptly on that date, but she for whom it was written had been "called home" the morning of the 25th.

Softly, O softly, the years have swept by thee,
Touching thee lightly with tenderest care;
Sorrow and death they have often brought nigh thee,
Yet they have left thee but beauty to wear.
Growing old gracefully,
Gracefully fair.

Far from the storms that are lashing the ocean,
Nearer each day to the pleasant home-light;
Far from the waves that are big with commotion,
Under full sail and the harbor in sight.
Growing old gracefully,
Cheerful and bright.

Past all the winds that were adverse and chilling,
Past all the islands that lured thee to rest;
Past all the currents that lured thee unwilling
Far from thy course to the land of the blest.
Growing old gracefully,
Peaceful and blest.

Never a feeling of envy or sorrow
When the bright faces of children are seen;
Never a year from the young wouldst thou borrow—
Thou dost remember what lieth between;
Growing old willingly,
Thankful, serene.

Rich in experience that angels might covet,
Rich in a faith that hath grown with thy years,
Rich in a faith that grew from and above it,
Soothing thy sorrows and hushing thy fears.
Growing old wealthily,
Loving and dear.

Hearts at the sound of thy coming are lightened,
Ready and willing thy hand to relieve;
Many a face that thy kind word has brightened,
"It is more blessed to give than receive."
Growing old happily,
Ceasing to grieve.

Eyes that grow dim to the earth and its glory,
Have a sweet recompense youth cannot know,
Ears that grow dull to the world and its story,
Drink in the songs that from Paradise flow.
Growing old graciously,
Purer than snow.

Easter Services at the Methodist Church.

The services for Easter at the Methodist church will be as follows:

Sunrise prayer meeting under the auspices of the Epworth League, F. G. Lindholm president.

10 a. m., Easter class meeting, led by W. P. Eckels.

10:30 a. m., sermon by the pastor, subject, "Jesus and the Resurrection." The annual missionary offering will be given.

12 m., the Sunday School session, subject of lesson, "The Resurrection of Jesus." A missionary offering will be given by the school.

4 p. m., the regular meeting of the Junior Epworth League, with Easter topic.

6:30 p. m., Epworth League services led by Miss Stevenson, subject, "Easter Thanksgiving and the Reasons for it."

7:30 p. m., children's missionary service, subject, "The Universal Kingdom." A most beautiful service prepared for one of the missionary secretaries, Rev. Dr. Smith. The service will consist of singing and recitation and the [illegible] will render [illegible] music for the day.

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To be had of A. B. Armstrong & Co.

A [illegible] of a school building has at last been made. At the meeting a week ago last Friday the school board reconsidered the [illegible] of the Hudson property on Congress [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] A. E. Dukes of Company C is enrolling [illegible] in his command and in case of war will no doubt have a fine company to put in the field. At a meeting of Post No. 141, G. A. R., held last Saturday evening the the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "That the adjutant be instructed to communicate with Governor Hastings of Pennsylvania and tender to him our services as a Post whenever we are needed in the military or naval service of the United States in a war against Spain or any other nation." The communication was sent to the Governor Monday afternoon.

The Progression Club still continues to draw large audiences to their discourses in the Church of Eternal Hope. Last Saturday evening a most learned and instructive, as well as intensely interesting debate was carried on under the subject: "The Significance of Psychic Phenomena." Dr. James Johnson, the opening speaker, read a fine paper on the subject and was followed by Hon. H. B. Stone, Rabbi Reynolds, Dr. Holt, Rev. Houghton and Mr. McClure. The discussion was one of the best and most interesting of the entire series.

After weeks of work getting a team together and money enough to fix up grounds for a base ball park, Chauncey Stuart is very much disappointed and chagrined to learn [illegible] on the farm of the Clark estate, [illegible] the diamond was to be located, refuses to rent it, [illegible] will probably take his team to Dunkirk, but such is not liable to be the case as other grounds have been tendered the management at reasonable figures.

Bradford is to have a new reservoir with a capacity of one hundred million gallons. At the meeting of councils Monday evening the water commissioner recommended the purchase of the wells and lease on the property known as the Percival lease for a sum not to exceed $3,650. The reservoir will be erected this summer and will do away with the annual scare over a scarcity of water which is always felt during a dry season.

Miss Jennie Pettit, a young lady whose home is in Cuba, N. Y., attempted to commit suicide last Saturday by shooting herself. Her aim was defective, however, and she only succeeded in giving herself a scalp wound. Miss Pettit is a niece of Mrs. Myron Matson of this city and has often visited here. She is a very pretty girl and extremely popular. No motive can be found for the rash act.

Mayor Fagnan and several city officials went to New Bethlehem last week and purchased a team of horses for the new chemical fire wagon. Mike Myers, the driver of the team now used in hauling the wagon, was with the party and it was under his judgment that the horses were bought. They were brought to the city Monday and will be trained to their new duties by Myers.

C. P. Byron and his son, Tom, have returned from a sojourn in Florida where they went for the benefit of the younger man's health. Tom stayed in Washington several days and while there attended the meetings of Congress and listened to the Cuban debates. He says that the war feeling in Washington is exceedingly strong and that nothing else is talked of.

The old common councils met Monday morning for the last time. The roll was called, the minutes read, and the body adjourned. The new councils met at 10 o'clock. T. E. McCray was elected president of the common branch and Mr. Flaherty received the same office in select councils.

The city officials are all now in their offices in the new city building, having begun to move from their old quarters in the Rosenberg and Michael block the first of the month. The interior of the building is by no means finished as yet, but the work is being pushed as rapidly as possible.

James Marshall, who left this city a couple of weeks ago for Alaska, returned last Friday from Seattle. Mr. Marshall says Seattle is filled to overflowing with people going and coming from the Klondike, and he decided that Bradford was still good enough for him.

C. B. Whitehead is contemplating the erection of a seven story office building on the corner of Chestnut and Main streets. If he should erect such a building it will be provided with elevators and all the modern conveniences.

Miss Lou Potter, a well-known society young lady of this city, underwent a surgical operation last Saturday for her spine. Miss Potter is now getting along nicely and it is thought will be much benefitted by the operation.

The following report for the month of March has been made up by Health Officer Franklin: Births, males, 18; females, 21. Deaths, males, 5; females, 5. There were no cases of malignant contagious diseases reported.

Olean and Bradford are both interested in the location of a leather factory. Both cities want the concern and it is very doubtful which will get it, if either.

Otto Rhode, the Bradford pugilist, is in Buffalo where he is trying to arrange for a fight.

CLERMONT.

There were several doctors looking our town over this week in view of locating here. We have it on good authority that one has made all necessary arrangements and will soon have his office established here. This is another good act for Clermont.

F. J. Slifes, proprietor of the Clermont House was called away Monday by the sudden death of his mother. Mr. Reynold McClellan is looking after the interests of the guests at the Clermont House during Mr. Slifes' absence this week.

Our up-to-date postmaster, F. H. Reed, does not intend to let the Smethport merchants do him on improvements. He has just placed a seventy dollar pair of the latest improved Dayton computing scales in his store.

Supervisors Gaynor and Leftquist have a large force of men at work paving Pine St. this week. When this job is completed it will be one of the finest in this end of the county.

The intense cold weather this week has brought our building industry to a halt, but we expect to see it boom again as soon as the sun begins to shine on the other side of the fence.

L. Steinhauer of Farmers Valley made his usual business trip to Clermont the first of this week. The Judge is improving in health very much by the change of climate.

The work on the Steinhauer building is nearing completion and J. E. McCarty & Co. will soon be doing business at the old stand.

Owing to the rush with heavy work Mr. Dickerson has found it necessary to add to his force another blacksmith.

Dave Schleiff has moved his family into rooms recently vacated by Michael Sullivan in the James Hack block.

H. C. Warner and family have returned home after a ten days' vacation.

TURTLE POINT.

S. L. Strang, who lived on Rock Run for the last year, has moved his family on the Wm. Simar farm near this place on the river.

Mrs. L. E. Bush of Smethport and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Patterson of Pierce brook visited friends in this place last week.

Mrs. Orrin Crandall, who has been on the sick list for a long time, is much better at this writing.

Benjamin Taylor purchased two good cows of Lewis Freer at the low price of $25 each.

Thomas Murphy and Tony Crandall made a business trip to Port Allegany Monday.

There will be a cheese meeting, April 12 at 1 o'clock sharp, at Turtle Point factory.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Andrews, a boy. Mother and child are doing well.

Mrs. George Haynes of Gartwell visited at Charles Taylor's Tuesday last.

Henry Taylor made a flying trip to Coudersport and back this week.

Misses Ellen and Addie Bentley are sick with the mumps.

Dr. Ida Strubridge is taking a much needed rest these days.

Mr. Frank Taylor of Mt. Alton was in this place Monday.

[illegible] at the hall Monday evening, April 11.

[illegible] of a Motor.

A [illegible] pleasure of driving [illegible] carriages or harness [illegible] for the [illegible] of the Elkhart Carriage and Harness Mfg. Co., Elkhart, Ind.

To Cure Constipation Forever.

Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic. 10c or 25c. If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

[illegible] celebration of the Holy Eucharist at [illegible] a. m.; evensong and service to the children at 3:30. The order of music at 10:30 a. m. will be as follows:

1. Processional hymn, No. 111.
2. Introit, "Christ our Passover."
3. Communion service, Eyre in E flat. Sanctus from Gounod's S. Cecilia Mass.
4. Sequence, hymn 112.
5. Offertory anthem, "To the Paschal Victim," Aguter.
6. Processional hymn, No. 123.

For evensong at 7:30:

1. Processional hymn, No. 112.
2. Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, Aguter's (Festival).
3. Anthem, "Hallelujah Chorus," from Handel's "Messiah."
4. Processional hymn, No. 123.

Program.

Following is the program of the concert to be given by the W. C. T. U. at the opera house Monday evening, April 11:

1.	Selection, "Spirit of the Moment,"	Mandolin Dept.
2.	Solo, Selected,	Chas. McCoy.
3.	Duet, Instrumental,	Mr. F. E. Heath, Mrs. Picard.
4.	A Reading in Dialect,	Miss Dibble.
5.	Selection, "Alice, where art Thou,"	Keystone Quintet.
	INTERMISSION.	
6.	Duet, Selected,	Dr. H. L. McCoy, Miss McCoy.
7.	Selection, "Kenilworth March,"	Mandolin Dept.
8.	Selection, "Down on the Wabash,"	Vocal Dept.
9.	Solo, Selected,	Miss Alice McCoy.

Children like it, it saves their lives. We mean One Minute Cough Cure, the infallible remedy for coughs, colds, croup, bronchitis, grippe and all throat and lung troubles. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Ballard's Snow Liniment will Cure Neuralgia. It will also cure lame back, sore throat, wounds, sprains, bruises, cuts, old sores. Ladies, it will cure your backache. Sold by Chadwick's drug store.

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A NEW SUIT FOR CONFIRMATION.

Come and look at what we are offering in this line. We have made a special effort to furnish the best at a special low price and we believe our effort will be appreciated by parents.

Knee Pant Suits for Small Boys

Long Trouser Suits for Large Boys

at the lowest prices.

We GUARANTEE the prices to be the lowest, or you can get your money back.

H. W. Rubin & Co.,

SMETHPORT, PA.

At Mason's Hardware

1898 Spring 1898

$35 Bicycles $35

Farming Implements

Tin ware, warranted not to rust, as follows:

Strainer Pails
Cream Pails
Boilers, Etc
6-qt Milk Pans 50c doz

Leonard Koenig,

located near the creamery, is prepared to do all kinds of

PAINTING AND DECORATING.

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Always done neatly and promptly. Latest styles of coverings on hand.

Smethport, - Penna.

DENTISTRY.

Modern, scientific and up-to-date. Painless extraction of teeth. Over 25 years' experience. Satisfaction guaranteed.

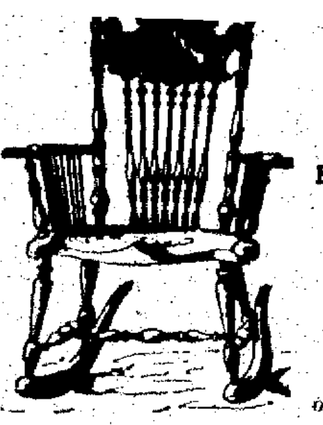
DR. F. C. PIERCE,
Smethport, Pa.

For Sale

Bee Hives

Honey Boxes, Section Boxes, Frames, Etc. Write or ask for prices.

ED. NORMAN, Smethport.



Oak or Mahogany, Price $2.50.

A LARGE LINE OF ROCKERS LEFT FROM OUR HOLIDAY STOCK WILL BE SOLD AT PRICES SIMILAR TO ABOVE.

ALL NEW GOODS AND A BIG STOCK TO SELECT FROM.

16 Main St.

FURNITURE,
CARPETS,
MANTLES,
CROCKERY.

We are now giving an opportunity to buy goods at very low prices during JANUARY and FEBRUARY.

We need the room for new Spring Goods.

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BRADFORD.

We pay the Freight.

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You Will Give a Friend

some remembrance of the joy of the Easter Season. If you cannot afford a dozen lilies you can find some little thing like a dainty

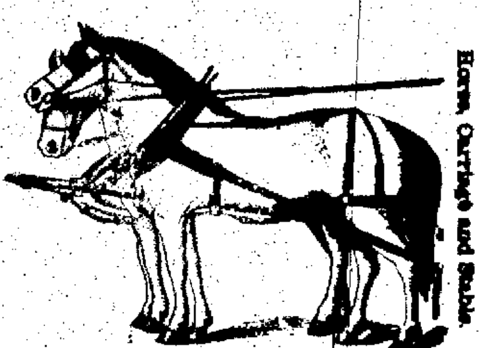
Dainty Book,
Easter Card or
Easter novelty,

conveying devotional and festival ideas.

A Prayer Book or Holy Bible. Prices right, at

McCOYS' DRUG STORE,

Odd Fellows' Block. Smethport, Pa.



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WHOLESALE M'F'RS OF Fine Harness & Carriages
Carriage Painting & Repairing.

Dealers in CARRIAGES, HARNESS and all needs for Horse, Carriage and Stable.

Deal with us and Save Money.

258 Union St., Olean, N. Y.

THE Columbia Chainless FOR MEN AND WOMEN.

surpasses Chain Driven Wheels as Chain Driveen Wheels surpass the old ordinary.

WE SET THE FASHION

for Chain Driven Bicycles, as heretofore. Columbia Models 45, 46 and 49 are Standard of the World in their class. 5 per cent. NICKEL STEEL TUBING—COLUMBIA DUROID FINISH and the COLUMBIA NEW DEPARTURE BRAKE offer material and equipment not to be found in any other bicycles.

HARTFORDS at $50 and $45 are the superior of any bicyle except the Columbia. "Pioneer" Fifty Point Carbon Steel Tube makes them so.

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CATALOGUE FREE.

M. L. ARMSTRONG, Agt.

WRITE ME AT Smethport, Pa.

NEW LOCATION, NEW GOODS.

I am now located in the store next to the Postoffice and am prepared to serve my customers in new patterns of

MADRAS, ZEPHYR GINGHAMS,
GINGHAMS, ORGANDIES, on two silks.

New Easter Gowns, Wrappers, Underwear.

NIGHTGOWNS FROM 50 TO $2.00.

FINE SHOES at prices THAT ARE RIGHT.

Grand Easter Opening,

WATCH FOR IT APRIL 4, 5 and 6.

Mrs. E. E. Chambers,
SMETHPORT, PA.

Where are We at? Our Office is at Smethport, McKean County, Pa.

BUT

We are with You if you wish to Buy

Lumber
Lath
Shingles
Siding
Flooring
Ceiling
Moulding
Doors
Windows
Screens
Glass.

Only a sample order will convince you that You're with Us

Call and see us, or write us for quotations.

HOLMES & GILFILLAN.

Oranges, Bananas, Green Stuffs

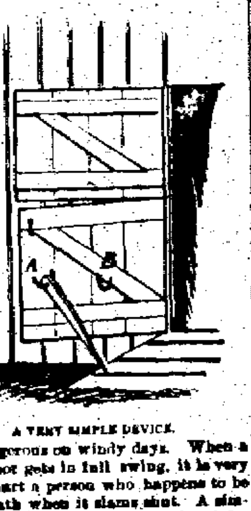
and the best fruits on the market can always be had at

Brasted's

IN THE STABLE.

The Stable Door—A Horse That Kicks the Stall.

Did you ever have a stable door blow against you and land you almost in "the middle of next week?" If so, would the selection you made from the vocabulary on that occasion look well in print? Stable doors and barn doors are dangerous on windy days. When a large door gets in full swing, it is very apt to hurt a person who happens to be in its path when it slams shut. A simple device recently illustrated and described in the Iowa Homestead will prevent accidents of that nature.

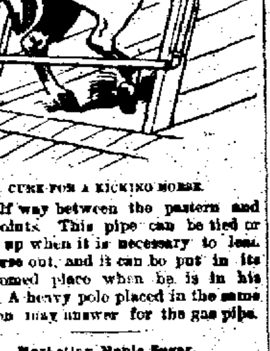


A VERY SIMPLE DEVICE.

Get a sharpened stick of hard wood similar to the one shown in the illustration, make a large wire staple and attach it to the inside of the door at A. When the door is opened and the stick let down, the latter will prevent it from shutting again until the stick is raised up. When the stick is not needed, its outer end is placed in a hook found at B. This is the simplest thing found for doing the business.

It is annoying to have a horse continually kicking at the stall while in the barn, or, perhaps what is worse, kicking at his owner as he passes behind him. To completely cure a horse of this practice a correspondent in the exchange already quoted advises placing a piece of gas pipe, as shown in the second illustration, for him to kick against, and he will soon get tired of it.

The directions are to place the pipe high enough so he can strike it with his leg half way between the pastern and hock joints. This pipe can be tied or raised up when it is necessary to lead the horse out, and it can be put in its accustomed place when he is in his stall. A heavy pole placed in the same position may answer for the gas pipe.



CURE FOR A KICKING HORSE.

Marketing Maple Sugar.

Vermont maple sugar makers propose a change in their methods of marketing. The New England Homestead says:

Jealous of the good name of the Vermont product and dissatisfied with the manner in which fictitious and adulterated goods are placed on the markets under a Vermont label, the sugar makers in recent convention adopted a plan to establish a central trade bureau to handle the product. It is proposed to encourage shipments from farmers to the central bureau in the form of sirup in casks supplied producers by the station. On arrival the sirup is to be graded and credited to the producer and some portion, perhaps one-half, of the probable value advanced upon it. The station is to be supplied with arches, pans, molds, etc., for converting the sirup into any form called for in the markets and two or three grades established for both sugar and sirup and all goods sent out to be marked with the grade to which it belongs. The method of operating this plant is to be on the co-operative plan—after expenses have been paid, including interest on the money invested in the business, the producers to receive at the close of the year the balance due on goods furnished.

Cost of Raising Sugar Beets.

A contributor to The Country Gentleman who writes from Dodge county, Neb., says among other things:

I have noted something lately in a New York paper expressing doubt of the profit of beet culture to farmers at $5 per ton. There is the widest range in the cost of beet culture and harvest per acre to different individuals, but in Nebraska farmers learn very rapidly to reduce cost. When rent and fertilization enter into the cost, such items must be considered separately, but for mere item of culture it is possible for a farmer to do the work at very small expense. I know people who have laid the beets by, including every item of farm work, for $11 or $12 an acre. I believe $35 an acre to be a very reasonable, fair price after land is in good cultivation and reasonably free from weeds, for an average figure for all the cost of cultivating beets per acre, including harvesting and delivery to factory.

A Sure Thing For You.

A transaction in which you cannot lose is a sure thing. Biliousness, sick headache, furred tongue, fever, piles and a thousand other ills are caused by constipation and sluggish liver. Cascarets Candy Cathartic, the wonderful new liver stimulant and intestinal tonic are by all druggists guaranteed to cure or money refunded. C. C. C. are a sure thing. Try a box to-day; 10c, 25c, 50c. Sample and booklet free. All druggists.

English Spavin Liniment removes all hard, soft or calloused lumps and blemishes from horses, blood spavin, curbs, splints, sweeney, ring-bone, stifles, sprains, all swollen throats, coughs, etc. Save $50 by use of one bottle. Warranted the most wonderful blemish cure ever known. Sold by A. B. Armstrong, Druggist, Smethport, Pa.

Two Millions a Year.

When people buy, try and buy again, it means they're satisfied. The people of the United States are now buying Cascarets Candy Cathartic at the rate of two million boxes a year and it will be three million before New Year's. It means merit proved, that Cascarets are the most delightful bowel regulator for everybody the year round. All druggists, 10c, 25c, 50c a box, cure guaranteed.

T. F. Anthony, Ex-Postmaster of Promise City, Iowa, says: "I bought one bottle of Mystic Cure for Rheumatism, and two doses of it did me more good than any medicine I ever took." Sold by A. B. Armstrong, Druggist, Smethport.

Thirty-five years make a generation. That is how long Adolph Fisher of Zanesville O., suffered from piles. He was cured by using three boxes of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

A torpid liver robs you of ambition and ruins your health. DeWitt's Little Early Risers cleanse the liver, cure constipation and all stomach and liver troubles. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Itch on human, mange on horses, dogs and all stock, cured in 30 minutes by Woolford's Sanitary Lotion. This never fails. Sold by A. B. Armstrong, Druggist, Smethport, Pa.

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remarkable [illegible] is a series of blowing or "[illegible]" wells located in the northern part of the town of [illegible], in Polk county, Wis. There are six of these hysterical wells, ranging in depth from 130 to 180 feet. The one owned by James Cattle exhibits most remarkable features. This well is 130 feet deep and was dug 15 years ago. The first 90 feet was hardpan and the rest coarse gravel.

Before a rainstorm the wind blows out of this well with great force, making a roaring sound that can be heard a long distance. The wind is so hot that water placed on the cover of the well will boil. The wind blows out only before a storm, and the severity and duration of the storm are always in exact proportion to the force of this current and its duration before the storm commences. It is therefore an accurate and trustworthy barometer, or vice versa, with equal accuracy, but remains quiet in settled weather.

In winter a current of air is drawn in before a change of weather just as forcibly as it blows out in hot weather. This current will freeze the water 130 feet from the surface of the earth as quickly as it would at the surface, and, though many attempts have been made to use a pump in the well, they have all failed, and a number of pumps of different makes have been destroyed by the water freezing and bursting the cylinders and pipes.

The other five wells, which resemble this one in many respects, are all located within the radius of about one mile and vary in depth from 130 to 160 feet.

All sorts of theories have been advanced concerning an underground passage, but no outlet has ever been discovered, and if there is one it must be a great distance away in order to forestall the approach of storms so long a time in advance.—Philadelphia Record.

Her Borrowed Plumage.

A Syracuse woman was in Boston some time ago, and she had occasion to get a check cashed, being without ready money. She had no friend who was easily available, but she went to a bank and presented her check. Of course she was told she would have to be identified. The cashier of the bank suggested that she might have one of her cards. She took out her cardcase, but the card she produced proved to be that of one of her friends. This caused her a great deal of confusion, but the accommodating cashier suggested that she might prove her identity by the initials on her cardcase. But these, alas, proved to be those of her mother. Her confusion continued to increase until she thought of the initials on her handkerchief. The marked article was produced to be put in evidence, but when it was examined it was found to bear the initials of another friend. She was thwarted in every direction, but the cashier was "easy." Boston cashiers are apparently not as strict as those in this part of the country, for this particular one said he "guessed" that it was all right, and he cashed the check. Conductors of flim-flam and three card monte games are directed to Boston for a good field of operation.—Syracuse Post.

One of Max O'Rell's Experiences.

Once when Max O'Rell was staying at a hotel he had occasion to complain of the marked incivility and neglect of a waiter. The proprietor apologized, assuring Max O'Rell that no such complaint had ever been made before. When the waiter was reprimanded, he explained himself thus: "It's not to be expected that a self respecting Scotsman could wait on him with civility. Didn't he say we took to the kilt because our feet were too large to get through trousers?"—London Telegraph.

Arranging For a Bargain.

Juvenile Customer (in large candy store)—You mix candies here any way a feller wants 'em, don't you?

Shopgirl—Yes.

Juvenile Customer—I want a nickel's worth. Give me some of every kind you've got.—Chicago Tribune.

American Securities Abroad.

The sales of American securities have been, according to London advices, very large abroad of late. If this state of things holds, there will be an increasing influx of British gold into this market. This demonstrates the faith abroad in the stability of our credit. There is another point of faith for which the people not only of this but foreign countries have good grounds for credence, and that is belief in the efficacy of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters for inorganic maladies which affect the stomach, liver, bowels, kidneys and nerves. Dyspepsia, biliousness, constipation and rheumatism are conquered by it. It hastens convalescence, and diffuses a generous warmth and sensation of physical comfort through the system.

Relief in Six Hours.

Distressing Kidney and Bladder diseases relieved in six hours by the "New Great South American Kidney Cure. This new remedy is a great surprise on account of its exceeding promptness in relieving pain in the bladder, kidneys, back and every part of the urinary passages in male or female. It relieves retention of water and pain in passing it almost immediately. If you want quick relief and cure this is your remedy. Sold by A. B. Armstrong, Druggist, Smethport, Pa.

Rheumatism Cured in a Day.

"Mystic Cure" for Rheumatism and Neuralgia radically cures in 1 to 3 days. Its action upon the system is remarkable and mysterious. It removes at once the cause and the disease immediately disappears. The first dose greatly benefits; 75 cents. Sold by A. B. Armstrong, Smethport.

Beauty Is Blood Deep.

Clean blood means a clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascarets, Candy Cathartic clean your blood and keep it clean, by stirring up the lazy liver and driving all impurities from the body. Begin to-day to banish pimples, boils, blotches, blackheads, and that sickly bilious complexion by taking Cascarets—beauty for ten cents. All druggists, satisfaction guaranteed, 10c, 25c, 50c.

UNDERTAKING
—AND—
EMBALMING
IN ALL BRANCHES PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO BY AN EXPERIENCED FUNERAL DIRECTOR.
SPECHT & SASSE,
SMETHPORT, PA.

Robes and Blankets.
This is the season of Robes and blankets and I have the best that can be found.
Harness.
Light and heavy manufactured here. Cleaning and repairing neatly an promptly done.
Full Stock
of Whips, Trunks, Traveling Bags, etc., Stock Food and Hoof Dressing.
Chas. Lemmler,
Smethport, Pa.

NEW
WAGON and CARRIAGE
SHOP.
Having purchased the [illegible] of G. W. Lemmler, I am prepared to do all kinds of
WAGON and CARRIAGE WORK.
CARRIAGE PAINTING done in latest style.
John Servatius, Smethport, Pa.

The Journey of Womanhood.

When a young girl develops the first evidences of womanhood, it is as if she were starting alone upon a strange journey beset with rough and dangerous places. A wise and loving mother will not allow any false delicacy to prevent her from giving her daughter the plainest information and advice at this critical stage of her existence.

Young girls suffer a vast amount of unnecessary pain and misery for lack of frank and confidential instruction about their own physical selves.

The special weaknesses and diseases incident to woman's organic development are completely and permanently remedied by the "Favorite Prescription" prescribed by Dr. R. V. Pierce, chief consulting physician to the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute of Buffalo, N. Y.

More than 90,000 cases of obstinate female difficulties have been absolutely cured by this wonderful "Prescription." It heals, strengthens and completely revitalizes the tissues and nerve-centers of the feminine organism. It is the only medicine devised for this special purpose by a thoroughly graduated experienced physician. It is the one authorized preparation which may be positively relied upon to cure.

Mothers and daughters may consult Dr. Pierce by letter without charge and in the most absolute confidence. Their letters will be answered not by any mere nurse, but by an educated skilled physician. Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser will be sent free if 21 one-cent stamps are enclosed to defray the cost of mailing only.

Miss Edith Cain, of [illegible], Pa., writes: "I take pleasure in expressing my faith in your 'Favorite Prescription.' [illegible] years of suffering I began taking Dr. Pierce's medicine and now I am entirely cured. I had been troubled with female weakness for some time and also with a troublesome [illegible] system, but now I am happy and well. I most cheerfully recommend Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription to all invalid ladies."

AUDITORS' REPORT

For Borough of Smethport for 1897.

F. D. GALLUP, Treasurer, in account with Smethport Borough.

Dr.		
To cash as per last auditors' Report	92 77	
To sewer collections	39 71	
To cash Co. Treasurer, license and Co. Auditors' report	817 65	
To cash State Treasurer, Foreign Ins. tax	43 21	
To cash loans authorized by Boro Council	1710 20	
To cash Collector E. T. Daly	1273 19	
To cash officers' fines and dog licenses	92 22	
To cash sale of bonds issued	2250 00	6331 73
Cr.		
By orders paid road machinery, freight, &c.	1953 49	
By orders paid labor on streets	1423 11	
By orders paid real estate and deed recording	221 25	
By orders paid sewers and tile	213 22	
By orders paid lumber	163 68	
By orders paid police service	137 00	
By orders paid boro attorney, secretary and auditors	123 00	
By orders paid hardware	100 31	
By orders paid printing and publishing	79 72	
By orders paid city building expenses	80 59	
By orders paid surveying and viewing	71 09	
By orders paid quarantine officer	90 09	
By orders paid blacksmithing	53 45	
By orders paid interest on orders and loans	19 84	
By orders paid postage, stationery and dog collar	4 03	
By authorized loans repaid	1253 15	
By treasurer's commission of 2 per cent. on above disbursements	115 91	
By balance in hands of Treas. F. D. Gallup	60 19	6331 73

F. D. GALLUP, Treasurer, in account with Bond Fund.

Dr.		
To cash as per last auditors' report	343 63	
To cash from Collector E. T. Daly	761 34	1088 30
Cr.		
By paid bonds Nos 26 and 27	400 00	
By paid coupons and State tax	412 35	
By treasurer's commission of 2 per cent.	15 23	
By balance due the fund from F. D. Gallup, Treas	219 79	1088 30

J. C. GALLUP, Collector, in account with Smethport borough.

Dr.		
To balance of 1896 duplicate as per last auditors' report	331 62	331 62
Cr.		
By exonerations	9 91	
By balance of 1896 duplicate in hands of J. C. Gallup	321 71	331 62

E. T. DALY, Collector, in account with Smethport borough.

Dr.		
To tax duplicate of 1897	2295 73	2295 73
Cr.		
By cash to Treas. F. D. Gallup	2035 63	
By 5 per cent discount to taxpayers on $1983.76	99 15	
By 3 per cent commission on net tax received $1881.10	57 63	
By 3 per cent commission on tax at par $[illegible]	13 12	
By balance of duplicate outstanding	710 73	2295 73

LIABILITIES.

Order No 73 of 1896 outstanding	1 25	
Order No 176 of 1897 outstanding	1 25	
Bonds Nos 25, 17 and 18	1200 00	
Bonds Nos 28 to 34 inclusive	6600 00	
Loan council resolution of Feb'y 21st, 1898	750 00	8553 10

RESOURCES.

Collector Knapp duplicate of 1890	60 05	
Collector J. C. Gallup duplicate of 1896	321 61	
Due from uncollected sewer assessments	213 62	
Cash in hands of Treasurer F. D. Gallup	219 79	
Balance of 1897 duplicate outstanding	710 73	1525 17
Liabilities in excess of resources	6829 93	

And now March 21st, 1898, having examined the accounts of F. D. Gallup, Treasurer, and J. C. Gallup, Collector, and E. T. Daly, Collector, we find and report balances against them and due the borough of Smethport as above set forth.

OSCAR ENGSTROM,
J. R. EASTMAN, } Auditors.
G. B. MAYO,

PAINT
Your Buildings.
It will keep them as well as 2 beautify them. It is not often you get a chance 2 purchase the best paint at a reasonable price.
The Ol Man Racket sells the McLenan French paint. It is warranted 2 B the best. Call & xamine colors & get PRICES. It is for both outside & inside work. U can apply it yourself—it need not cost U a small fortune now 2 keep well painted.
We have 100 bu. good Seed Oats grown on our farm—free from Daisy seed. Sow the best—it will pay you.
Also—Bail'd Hay & Straw $5 to $7 ton. Clover, Timothy and other Seeds.
Santa Claus Soap, 8 cakes, 25c.
A. E. Sticklas, Smethport.

GET AN EDUCATION
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INSURANCE.
Life, Fire and Accident
written by
W. F. SPECHT,
SMETHPORT, PA.
In good, reliable companies.

Finances of McKean County

FOR THE

Fiscal Year Ending January Second 1898.

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Cr.		
By orders paid and cancelled	4572967	
[illegible]	622 03	
[illegible]	151 03	
[illegible]	600 73	
Balance due fund	14671 06	72627 43

DOG FUND.

Dr.		
To amount due last auditors' report	1427 54	
[illegible] dog tax collected	1587 69	3015 63
Cr.		
[illegible]	1457 66	
[illegible]	782 27	
[illegible]	775 70	3015 63

[illegible]

Cr.		
By orders paid and cancelled	41 36	
Balance due fund	2256 64	2297 00

POOR FUND.

Dr.		
To amount due fund last auditors' report	6766 62	
To amount transferred from poor bond fund	572 64	
To amount transferred from building fund	5373 19	
To amount unsealed tax and interest [illegible]	2251 16	
To amount seated tax collected 1897	6769 44	
To amount building tax collected 1897	6 42	
To amount bond tax collected	3 07	
To amount charged Treasurer by Co. Com'rs	2297 00	24474 21
Cr.		
By orders paid and cancelled	20184 21	
By commission on $11768 90 at 1½ per cent	205 78	
Balance due fund	4050 22	24474 21

POOR BOND FUND.

Dr.		
To amount due fund last auditors' report	572 64	572 64
Cr.		
By amount transferred to poor fund	572 64	572 64

POOR BUILDING FUND.

Dr.		
To amount due from last auditors' report	5373 19	5373 19
Cr.		
By amount transferred to poor fund	5373 19	5373 19

ANNIN TOWNSHIP.

	Road	Road Bond	Special Road	School & Building	School Bond	Alien Tax
Dr.						
To amount due 1896	62 62		24 01	229 50		
Unseated tax collected	55 10	22 73	21 22	20 47		5 21
	122 72	22 73	45 23	250 07		5 21
Cr.						
By orders paid	110 67	22 33	43 06	243 80		
Treasurer's com. 1½ per cent	92	40	37	1 25		
Balance due fund	12 13		1 85	[illegible]		5 21
	122 72	22 73	45 23	250 07		5 21

BRADFORD TOWNSHIP.

	Road	Road Bond	Special Road	School & Building	School Bond	Alien Tax
Dr.						
To amount due 1896	317 64			1122 21		
Unseated tax collected	343 64		120 65	609 27		0 77
[illegible]						

CERES TOWNSHIP.

[illegible]

CORYDON TOWNSHIP.

[illegible]

ELDRED TOWNSHIP.

[illegible]

FOSTER TOWNSHIP.

[illegible]

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP.

[illegible]

HAMLIN TOWNSHIP.

[illegible]

KEATING TOWNSHIP.

[illegible]

LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP.

[illegible]

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP.

[illegible]

NORWICH TOWNSHIP.

[illegible]

OTTO TOWNSHIP.

[illegible]

SERGEANT TOWNSHIP.

[illegible]

WETMORE TOWNSHIP.

[illegible]

SMETHPORT BOROUGH.

[illegible]

KANE BOROUGH.

[illegible]

MT. JEWETT BOROUGH.

[illegible]

PORT ALLEGANY BOROUGH.

Dr.			
To amount due 1896	4 08	1 04	2 91
Tax and license collected		342 00	1 00
	4 08	343 04	3 91
Cr.			
Orders paid		342 00	
Treasurer's commission	07		
Balance due fund	4 01	1 04	3 91
	4 08	343 04	3 91

J. F. DAVIS, Sheriff of McKean County, in account with the said county for the fiscal year ending January second, 1898.

Dr.		
To received on account	$ 2318 24	
To fines collected	185 00	
To commonwealth costs collected	716 86	
To quarter sessions jury fees	109 01	
To common pleas jury fees	88 00	
To turnkey's wages	480 00	
Balance due Sheriff Davis	522 66	4390 93
Cr.		
By reports to State board of charities	30 00	
By publishing election proclamation	7 00	
By 2 per cent. on $155 00, fines collected	3 10	
By taking prisoners to penitentiary	365 34	
By [illegible]	255 51	
By paid [illegible] Treasurer	[illegible]	
By board of prisoners to Jan. 2d, 1898	2015 04	4390 93

E. H. STEWART, Coroner of McKean County, in account with the said county for the fiscal year ending January second, 1898.

Dr.		
To orders drawn on account	$ 287 03	
Balance due coroner	64 24	351 27
Cr.		
By balance due 1896	120 08	
By inquests, mileage and jury fees	231 19	351 27

W. A. YOUNG, T. F. HUNGIVILLE and LEMUEL DAVIS, Commissioners of McKean County, in account with the said county for the fiscal year year ending January second, 1898.

W. A. YOUNG.

Cr.		
By 265 days at $3 50 per day	$ 927 50	927 50
Dr.		
To orders drawn on account	890 00	
Balance due W. A. Young	37 50	927 50

T. F. HUNGIVILLE.

Cr.		
By 276 days at $3 50 per day	966 00	966 00
Dr.		
To orders drawn on account	910 00	
To balance due county last auditors' report	3 67	
Balance due T. F. Hungiville	52 33	966 00

LEMUEL DAVIS.

Cr.		
By 265½ days at $3 50 per day	929 25	929 25
Dr.		
To orders drawn on account	897 82	
Balance due Lemuel Davis	31 43	929 25

W. A. YOUNG, T. F. HUNGIVILLE and LEMUEL DAVIS, Directors of the McKean County Poor District, in account with the said Poor District for the fiscal year ending January second, 1898.

W. A. YOUNG.

Cr.		
By 37 days' service at $3 50 per day	$ 129 50	129 50
Dr.		
To orders drawn on account	100 00	
Balance due W. A. Young	29 50	129 50

T. F. HUNGIVILLE.

Cr.		
By 32 days' service at $3 50 per day	112 00	
By balance due last auditors' report	59 08	171 08
Dr.		
To amount of orders drawn	70 00	
Balance due T. F. Hungiville	101 08	171 08

LEMUEL DAVIS.

Cr.		
By 22½ days' services at $3 50 per day	78 75	78 75
Dr.		
To amount orders drawn on account	49 00	
Balance due Lemuel Davis	29 75	78 75

RECEIPTS OF McKEAN COUNTY.

To amount in Treasury Jan'y 4, 1897	$15861 95	
To amount received liquor licenses	5120 00	
To amount transferred from dog fund	1457 66	
To amount transferred from bridge fund	2357 54	
To amount fines collected	125 00	
To amount received of J. F. Davis, Sheriff	964 68	
To amount ½ of $352 88, alien tax	176 44	
To amount received from various sources by com'rs	5174 66	
To amount unseated tax collected	6819 14	
To amount seated tax collected	23321 11	
To amount State tax collected	6258 67	
To amount received from bridge bonds, less transferred to county	7635 20	
To amount bridge bond tax collected	64 73	80547 38

EXPENDITURES OF McKEAN COUNTY.

Paid W. A. Young, commissioner	890 00
Paid Lemuel Davis, commissioner	857 82
Paid T. F. Hungiville, commissioner	910 00
Paid Sheldon Jewett, ex-commissioner	140 33
Paid F. R. Foster, ex-commissioner	11 29
Paid S. D. Weaver, commissioners' clerk, and assistants	1078 75
Paid T. F. Richmond, commissioners' attorney	530 00
Paid prothonotary fees	548 10
Paid quarantine officers	148 33
Paid traveling expenses	135 46
Paid physician quarantine	129 40
Paid turnkey	480 00
Paid M. Ruddy, chief of police, reward	30 00
Paid miscellaneous items	48 53
Paid J. F. Davis, sheriff, on account	2202 53
Paid A. E. Walker, ex-sheriff	2883 26
Paid state taxes	7474 82
Paid county auditors	435 00
Paid jury commissioners and clerk	432 66
Paid B. C. Mush, janitor	500 00
Paid constables' returns	197 83
Paid justices' fees and discharged transcripts	576 47
Paid court stenographer	1104 90
Paid court crier and tipstaves	945 70
Paid commonwealth costs	7963 97
Paid taxes returned	37 89
Paid lunatics	10 75
Paid Pennsylvania Reform School	1308 00
Paid grand jurors	788 10
Paid traverse jurors	3153 84
Paid assessors for assessing	4554 00
Paid assessors for registering	966 81
Paid election expenses	3409 54
Paid jail expenses, repairs and plumbing	561 80
Paid [illegible] for jail	121 87
Paid jail physician	50 00
Paid [illegible] for jail	11 75
Paid Western Penitentiary	1266 65
Paid publishing and printing	513 77
Paid road views and damages	497 99
Paid freight, express, telegrams and postage	97 22
Paid insurance on court house and jail	395 00
Paid fuel and lights	871 56
Paid court house expense, repairs, etc.	561 60
Paid coroner's inquests	257 08
Paid indigent soldiers' burial expenses	220 00
Paid books and stationery	1,598 96
Paid bridge expenses	7,395 98
Paid water for jail	187 50
Paid superintendents' of schools	241 25
Paid E. R. Mayo auditing prothonotary's account	15 00
Paid E. L. Keenan, auditors' attorney	5 00
Paid interest on bridge bond	300 00
Paid Treasurer's commission on $[illegible] at 1½ per cent.	144 35
Paid Treasurer's commission on [illegible]	[illegible]
Paid balance due county fund	14 71 06
Paid balance due bridge fund	2699 19
	80557 38
Less an outstanding order claimed to be lost	10 00
	80547 38

RECEIPTS OF POOR FUND.

To amount due fund last auditors' report	$ 6766 62	
To amount transferred from poor building fund	5373 19	
To amount transferred from poor building bond fund	572 64	
To amount unseated poor tax collected	2251 16	
To amount seated poor tax collected	6769 44	
To amount poor bond tax collected	3 07	
To amount poor building tax collected	6 42	
To amount received from various sources	2297 92	24474 21

EXPENDITURES OF POOR FUND.

By amount paid W. A. Young commissioner	100 00	
By amount paid Lemuel Davis, commissioner	49 00	
By amount paid T. F. Hungiville, commissioner	70 00	
By amount paid S. D. Weaver, commissioners' clerk	300 00	
By amount paid T. F. Richmond, commissioners' att'y	150 00	
By amount paid Sheldon Jewett, ex-commissioner	107 67	
By amount paid outside relief	5555 16	
By amount paid county auditors	73 05	
By amount paid State asylums	4403 96	
By amount paid care of feeble minded children	41 36	
By amount paid justices' fees, orders relief, etc.	108 50	
By amount paid extra expenses	65 11	
By amount paid salary Supt. Ryan	759 00	
By amount paid traveling expenses	437 40	
By amount paid taxes, refunded	67	
By amount paid physicians, lunacy	40 00	
By amount paid provisions	1565 16	
By amount paid clothing	525 18	
By amount paid furniture	135 45	
By amount paid Dr. Burg Chadwick, poor house physician	450 00	
By amount paid medicine and supplies	547 63	
By amount paid publishing and printing	91 50	
By amount paid freight, express, telegrams and postage	97 41	
By amount paid insurance	106 00	
By amount paid fuel and lights	447 05	
By amount paid building and improvements	885 01	
By amount paid ordinary repairs	178 30	
By amount paid books and stationery	2 00	
By amount paid farm expenses	1700 14	
By amount paid salaries on farm	1431 04	
By amount paid tobacco	118 60	
By amount paid furnishings	473 75	
By amount paid blacksmithing	113 35	
By amount paid miscellaneous	5 75	
By amount paid A. I. Wilcox, on settlement of poor farm	479 23	
By amount paid Treasurer's commission on $11768 90 at 1¾ per cent.	205 78	
To amount balance in fund	4050 22	24474 21

COUNTY ASSETS.

Amount from seated tax collected	12572 82	
Amount due state fund from collectors	5259 60	
Amount due dog fund from collectors	1674 57	
Amount due county fund from unseated tax 1896	1232 63	
Amount due county fund from unseated tax 1897	2717 05	
Amount due Treasurer from dog to county fund	1363 38	
Amount due county fund, ½ State tax (estimated)	6135 78	
Amount due county funds in treasury	14671 06	45946 60

COUNTY LIABILITIES.

Commonwealth costs (estimated)	100 00	
Outstanding indebtedness, Sundry items (estimated)	500 00	
State tax	8057 70	
Western Penitentiary	2163 54	
Penna. Industrial Reformatory	110 51	
Assets in excess of liabilities	34102 05	45046 60

POOR ASSETS.

Amount due poor fund from collectors (seated tax)	1019 57	
Amount due poor fund from unseated tax 1896	403 64	
Amount due poor fund from unseated tax 1897	900 29	
Amount due from Bradford city poor district	94 91	
Amount due poor fund from various sources (estimated)	300 00	
Amount due transferrable from poor bond fund	3 67	
Amount due transferrable from poor building fund	6 42	
Amount funds in treasury	4050 22	7778 07

POOR LIABILITIES.

Sundry unpaid bills (estimated)	70 00	
Assets in excess of liabilities	7078 07	7778 07

STATEMENT

Showing the cost of keeping each inmate per week at the poor house for the fiscal year ending January 2nd, 1898.

Total cost of keeping inmates	4811 53
Boarding inmates 23651 days or $1 53 3-7 week at $1 46 per week	4811 51

We, the undersigned Commissioners of McKean county and McKean County Poor District, do hereby certify that the foregoing statement of receipts and expenditures, and statement of assets and liabilities, are correct and true.

LEMUEL DAVIS,
T. F. HUNGIVILLE, } Commissioners.
W. A. YOUNG,

Attest:
S. D. WEAVER,
Clerk.

J. C. STULL Farmers Valley.
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[illegible] leave Smethport for Larrabee, Eldred, Olean, Bradford, Rochester and Buffalo, as follows:

Buffalo Express, daily except Sunday [illegible] a. m.
*Buffalo Mail, daily except Sunday, [illegible] p. m.
Local for Olean, daily except Sunday, [illegible] p. m.
*Train leaving Smethport 2:[illegible] p. m. connects at Olean with River Division for Allegany, Salamanca, Oil City and Pittsburg.

For Clermont, and points south.

Clermont Local, daily ex Sunday [illegible] a. m.
Clermont Acc'tion daily ex Sunday [illegible] p. m.
Clermont Acc'tion daily ex Sunday [illegible] p. m.
*Clermont Local connects through to [illegible]burg.

For Larrabee, Port Allegany, Coudersport and points south:

Mail, daily ex Sunday [illegible] a. m.
Mail, daily ex Sunday connects at Emporium for Philadelphia [illegible] p. m.

See Time Tables giving full information [illegible]
[illegible], Ticket Agent,
[illegible]
J. A. FELLOWS, [illegible]
General Office, [illegible]
Main and Clinton st. Buffalo N. Y.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD

PHILADELPHIA & ERIE DIVISION TIME TABLE. In effect Nov. 28, 1897.

TRAINS LEAVE EMPORIUM JUNCTION EASTWARD.

6:25 a. m.—Train 8, week days, for Sunbury, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, Hazleton, Pottsville, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 6:23 p. m., New York [illegible] p. m., Baltimore 6:00 p. m., Washington [illegible] p. m. Pullman Parlor car from Williamsport to Philadelphia, and passenger coaches from Kane to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Baltimore and Washington.

3:20 p. m.—Train 6, week days, for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 4:30 a. m., New York 7:33 a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Harrisburg to Philadelphia and New York. Philadelphia passengers can remain in sleeper undisturbed until 7:30 a. m.

9:30 p. m.—Train 4, daily for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations arriving at Philadelphia 6:52 a. m., New York 9:33 a. m., week days (10:38 a. m. Sundays). Baltimore 6:20 a. m., Washington 7:40 a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Erie and Williamsport to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Washington. Passenger cars from Erie to Philadelphia, and Williamsport to Baltimore. Passengers in sleeper for Baltimore and Washington will be transferred into Washington sleeper at Williamsport.

WESTWARD.

[illegible] a. m.—Train 9, week days, for Erie, Ridgway, DuBois, Clermont and intermediate stations. [illegible]—Train 3, daily for Erie and week days for DuBois and intermediate stations.

6:30 p. m.—Train 15, week days, for Kane and intermediate stations.

THROUGH TRAINS for EMPORIUM JUNCTION FROM THE EAST AND SOUTH.

Train 9 leaves New York 8:30 p. m., Philadelphia 8:30 p. m., Washington 7:30 p. m., Baltimore 8:40 p. m., arriving at Emporium Junction 5:16 a. m., weekdays, with Pullman sleepers and passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Erie and from Washington and Baltimore to Williamsport.

Train 3, leaves New York 7:40 p. m., Philadelphia 11:20 p. m., Washington 10:40 p. m., Baltimore 11:50 p. m., daily arriving at Emporium June. 10:[illegible] a. m., with Pullman Palace sleeping cars from Philadelphia to Williamsport and passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Erie and Baltimore to Williamsport, on Sundays only, Pullman sleeper Philadelphia to Erie.

Train 15 leaves Philadelphia 8:30 a. m., Washington 7:20 a. m., Baltimore 7:50 a. m., Wilkesbarre 10:15 a. m., weekdays, arriving at Emporium Junction 6:[illegible] p. m. with Pullman Parlor car from Philadelphia to Williamsport and passenger coaches from Phila to Kane.

JOHNSONBURG RAILROAD.

Weekdays.

NORTH.	STATIONS.	SOUTH.
A. M. Lv.		Ar. A. M.
8 55	Ridgway	[illegible]
9 10	Johnsonburg	[illegible]
9 2[illegible]	Bendigo	[illegible]
9 26	Glen Hazel	[illegible]
9 28	Straight	[illegible]
9 41	Instanter	[illegible]
9 48	Smith's Run	[illegible]
9 53	Woodvale	[illegible]
10 00	Clermont	[illegible]
A. M.		A. M.

Connections are made with train 8, leaving Johnsonburg at 11:[illegible] a. m. for Erie and intermediate points, arriving at Erie at 3:45 p. m. and at Ridgway with train 6, leaving Ridgway at 2:20 p. m. for Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore and Washington.

J. B. HUTCHINSON, General Manager.
J. R. WOOD, Gen'l Passenger Agent.

Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway

THE SHORT LINE

On and after Feb. 20, 1898, passenger trains between Buffalo, Rochester, Salamanca, Bradford, Ridgway, DuBois, Punxsutawney and the Coal and Lumber Regions of Pennsylvania, will leave Bradford and Mt. Jewett daily except Sunday, as follows:

LEAVE BRADFORD—EAST-BOUND.

8.10 a. m.—Buffalo & Rochester Express—For Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Colden, Buffalo, Machias, Gainesville, Silver Springs, Warsaw, LeRoy and Rochester.

2.10 p. m.—Mail—For Salamanca, Ellicottville, Machias, Gainesville, Silver Springs, Warsaw, LeRoy, and Rochester.

4 2[illegible] p. m.—Buffalo Express—Daily. For Limestone, Carrollton, Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Colden and Buffalo.

LEAVE MT. JEWETT—SOUTH-BOUND.

7 57 a. m.—Accommodation—For Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Brockwayville, DuBois and Punxsutawney.

1.41 p. m.—Mail—For Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Brockwayville, DuBois and Punxsutawney.

Thousand Mile Tickets, good for passage between all stations, at two cents per mile.

For time tables and full information call on or address any of the Company's agents, or

L. B. McINTYRE, Agent Bradford, Pa.
EDWARD C. LAPEY,
Gen'l Passenger Agent
Rochester, N. Y.

BUFFALO & SUSQUEHANNA R. R.
TIME TABLE.
Took effect Monday, June 15th, 1896.

1	3	4	STATIONS.	2	4	6
a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	Ar. Dp.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.
8:56	2:20	7:50	Keating	8:10	2:??	[illegible]
8:38	2:02	7:19	Cowley Junc.	8:28	2:52	8:2[illegible]
8:26	1:50	7:00	Austin	8:40	3:06	8:29
......	1:37	6:50	Costello	8:45	3:13	...
......	1:26	6:40	Wharton.	10:06	3:26	...
......	1:17	6:30	Logue	10:06	3:34	...
......	1:07	6:27	Hull	10:22	3:37	...
......	12:45	6:0?	Cross Fork Jc.	10:45	4:10	...
......	12:07	5:31	Germania	11:13	4:00	...
......	12:00	5:25	Galeton	11:30	4:[illegible]	...
......	10:45	4:23	Gaines	1:28	6:00	...
......	10:10	3:50	Ansonia	1:45	6:35	...
	a. m.	p.m.	Dp. Ar.	p.m.	p.m.	
a m	a.m.	p.m.	Cross Fork Br.	a. m.	p.m.	p.m.
7:00	12:45	4:03	ar Cr F'k Jc dp	10:50	4:30	6:10
6:0	11:55	3:00	dp Cross F'k ar	11:50	2:00	7:10

H. Hutchinson, Train Master.
C. W. Goodyear, Gen'l Manager.

COUDERSPORT & PORT ALLEGANY Rail road Time Table, takes effect Monday Nov. 4, 1896.

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AR. EASTW'D.          STATIONS.          LV WESTW'D.
A.M.   A.M.  P.M.                        A.M.  P.M.  A.M.
8.50... 7.30... 2.10...Ulysses......... 7.45... 2.30...10.15
8.33... 7.21... 2.00...Crowell's....... 7.51... 2.46...10.17
8.30...     ... 1.56...Carpenter's.....     ... 2.48...10.20
8.25... 7.16... 1.58...Perkins........ 7.54... 2.45...10.22
8.20... 7.13... 1.50...B. & S. Jn'c'n. 7.57... 2.50...10.28
    ... 7.10... 1.45...Newfield....... 8.00... 2.54...10.35
8.04... 7.06... 1.42...Gold........... 8.04... 2.58...10.42
7.55... 7.01... 1.36...Raymond's...... 8.07... 3.02...10.47
7.15... 6.56... 1.24...Seven Bridg's.. 8.19... 3.11...11.02
7.10... 6.46... 1.20...Colesburg...... 8.21... 3.15...11.10
7.00... 6.40... 1.14...Frink's........ 8.26... 3.22...11.17
    ... 6.50... 1.00                    8.45... 3.35...11.35
4.15...7.37...12.55... Coudersport...8.46... 5.07...11.4
3.49...     ...12.31...Hammond.................... 11.34
3.39...7.52...12.46...Olmsted...... 8.51...6.06...11.46
3.34...7.48...12.41...Mina......... 8.56...6.10...11.46
3.25...     ...12.34... Knowlton..........  6.16...
3.21...7.25...12.20...Roulette...... 9.06...6.22...1.27
3.12...7.31...12.21...Burtville..... 9.12...6.30...1.19
3.05...     ...12.17...Coleman.......      ...6.36...
2.15...7.20...12.12...Port Allegany...9.24...6.40...2.30
P.M. P.M. P.M. Dep't.          Arrive A.M. P.M. P.M.
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Trains run on eastern standard time.
B. A. McCLURE, Sup't.

ST. MARYS & SOUTHWESTERN R. R.

To take effect at 5 o'clock a.m., Monday, August 9, 1897.

South		Stations		North	
3:20	......	Clermont		1:15	......
3:26	......	Chatham		1:09	......
3:30	......	Wildwood		1:04	......
3:01	......	North Fork		1:12	......
3:11	......	Bay Fork		12:00	......
3:14	......	Gray Gables		12:00	......
3:30	......	Ar. St. Marys Lv.		12:30	......
	7:50	Lv. Ar.		11:00	7:56
3:35	7:15	Kaul		10:35	7:0[illegible]
3:42	7:51	Tesch		10:40	6:12
3:46	7:56	Groll		10:51	6:1[illegible]
3:56	8:06	Gillen		10:30	6:1[illegible]
4:06	8:10	Paine		10:25	6:1[illegible]
4:06	8:15	Centreville		10:21	6:1[illegible]
4:14	8:20	Dagus Crossing		10:16	6:[illegible]
4:24	8:30	Shelvey Summit		10:06	6:00
4:30	8:36	Camee		9:[illegible]	5:56
4:36	8:40	Thompson		9:[illegible]	5:5[illegible]
4:39	8:43	Curry		9:[illegible]	5:4[illegible]
4:44	8:40	Brandy Camp		9:43	5:42
4:46	8:51	Kilbon		9:4[illegible]	5:40
4:50	8:55	Hyde		9:34	5:3[illegible]
5:10	9:10	Shawmut		9:15	5:[illegible]
p.m.	a.m.			a.m.	p.m.

Bradford, Bordell and Kinzua Ry.

Time Table taking Effect Nov. 28th, 1897.

LEAVE SMETHPORT.

8:30 A. M.—Mail and Express, daily except Sunday, for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane connecting with P. & W. Ry. for Foxburg, Butler and Pittsburg.

10:00 A. M.—Daily except Sunday for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane.

3:06 P. M.—Mail and Express, daily except Sunday, for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane connecting at Kane with P. & E. train 4 for Wilcox, Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Emporium, Harrisburg, Baltimore, Washington and Philadelphia—and at Bradford with Erie R. R. train for Salamanca, Olean, Hornellsville, Elmira and New York.

Trains arrive at Smethport, daily except Sunday, at 9:30 a. m., 4:30 p. m. and 6:15 p. m.

JNO. C. McKENNA.
Gen. Pas. Agent,
Bradford, Pa.

NOTICE.

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